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## AUTOGIRO FLIES CHANNEL.

### STRIKING INVENTION DESCRIBED.

### ASCENDS VERTICALLY AND FLAPS WINGS.

### CURIOUS SENSATION.

London, Sept. 18.  
Senor Juan De La Cierva, a well-known Spanish aviator, to-day made a flight across the English Channel in a most remarkable machine which he has invented.

It is an aeroplane of the autogiro or windmill type, and he has been recently engaged in a tour of Britain exhibiting his invention, flying from place to place in his extraordinary machine. He now intends to exhibit it on the Continent.

To-day's flight across the Channel was his most daring adventure yet, and it was accomplished with great success. Starting from Croydon, he crossed the Channel from Lyme to Cape Grisnez and landed at St. Inglevet, near Boulogne.

#### Strange Appearance.

The spectators of the flight were greatly interested in the performance and in the machine, which presented a very strange appearance alongside an Air Union Liner and a Moth aeroplane which escorted it.

The autogiro machine which Senor De La Cierva has invented combines the features of a helicopter, and the ornithopter, or machine that flaps its wings like a bird. In the parlance of the aerodrome, it is a windmill plane.

#### Nasty Sensation.

It does not glide into the air, but makes a dart upward after only a short run, and when it descends it comes down so straight that the airman gets the sensation of heading for a crash.

It is thought by experts that this sensation will require a great deal of experiment and research to overcome.

Senor De La Cierva afterwards took off from Boulogne for Paris where he was given an official welcome on completion of the first trans-Channel on an autogiro plane.

#### 100 Miles An Hour!

The machine is of completely unorthodox appearance, and is fitted with a 200-horse-power engine which is capable of maintaining the plane in flight at a speed of 100 miles per hour.

The inventor gave a series of exhibitions in Paris showing his plane's ability to ascend and descend almost vertically.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

#### New Zeppelin's Trials.

Friedrichshafen, Sept. 18.  
A Transatlantic air mail service between Germany and the United States has been brought nearer by the successful trial flight of the new Zeppelin.

The great airship cruised for over two hours over Lake Constance, and the pilot, Captain Eckner, is confident that he will be able to make the trip to America this year. Some aeronautical experts, however, are sceptical of the prospects.—*Reuter.*

#### Interesting Comparisons.

The new German Zeppelin is slightly longer than the wonderful new British airship, the R101 which is expected to be completed shortly. The Zeppelin is 770 feet long, compared with the R101, the "spine" of which is 724 ft. 3 ins. long.

The other British airship R100 is larger in cubic capacity though shorter than both.

The case in which Ching Po-cheung, a medicine dealer, sued Leo Kwong-yip for \$1,000 for work done in collecting taxes for the Canton Government, concluded yesterday afternoon. Mr. Justice Jackson gave judgment for the plaintiff and made an order for immediate payment.

## SWATOW BATHING TRAGEDY.

### TWO GIRL TEACHERS ARE DROWNED.

### A DANGEROUS BEACH.

Swatow, Sept. 17.

A bathing tragedy involving the deaths of two well-known Chinese girl teachers has occurred here in particularly distressing circumstances. They were bathing off the new beach provided by the public health authorities, when they got out of their depth and were carried away.

Other persons at the scene formed a long chain in an effort to rescue them, but no good swimmer being present, but though the man farthest out actually touched one of the victims, he was unable to secure a hold and the girl was swept away.

The tragedy has caused something of a sensation in Chinese circles. Both girls were well-connected and were of the modern type of Chinese. There has been considerable criticism of the arrangements made for bathing by the authorities, and also of the absence of control regarding proprieties.

The health authorities have been very active, but have shown more enthusiasm for the initiation of new schemes than wisdom and care in their execution, the result being that the new beach opened beyond the old one for is highly dangerous for non-swimmers at present. The beach shelves abruptly at several points, one of these sudden dips causing the mishap.

No arrangements were made in case of accident, no life-buoys, ropes nor boats being available.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

### PREMIER'S HOLIDAY ENDING.

### RETURNING TO LONDON ON SUNDAY.

London, Sept. 18.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin, who has greatly benefited by his holiday at Aix-les-Bains, will be back in London on Sunday night. He and Mrs. Baldwin are now in Paris.

Mr. Baldwin will remain at Downing Street for a day or two and will have consultations with members of the Cabinet.

He will leave on September 26th for Yarmouth, where, on the following day, he will address the Conservative Conference. It is expected that he will make a pronouncement at this Conference on the future programme of the Government.—*British Wireless.*

### SUZANNE LENGLEN RUMOURS.

### CELEBRATED TENNIS PLAYER'S COMMENT.

Nice, Sept. 18.

Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen is experiencing the fate of all celebrities. A crop of rumours have been in circulation recently, suggesting that the world-famous tennis player is seeking reinstatement as an amateur.

Suzanne was interviewed regarding the rumours by Reuter's representative to-day, and Mlle. Lenglen declared that she had not touched a racket for months, adding "I shall never play again either as an amateur or a professional."—*Reuter.*

### THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY.

### APPEAL FOR SIGNATURE OF CONVENTION.

London, Sept. 18.

At Geneva, Mr. G. Looker Lampson, British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, presented to the League Assembly his report on slavery.

In it, he urged all countries who had not yet signed the Anti-Slavery Convention to do so, in order that the measure might be applied universally and slavery be definitely abolished in the civilised world.—*British Wireless.*

## FURTHER BUDGET POINTERS.

### BALANCE OF LOAN TO BE ISSUED.

### VOTE OF \$32,200 FOR SCHOOL OF CHINESE.

### NEW POST INCREASES.

The draft estimates of expenditure for the coming year indicate the Hongkong Government's intention of issuing the remaining \$2,000,000 of the Six Per Cent. Public Works Loan of \$5,000,000, for, under charge on account of Public Debt, appears a sum of \$253,000, representing interest. This, it is explained, is to cover the service of the full sum of the Loan.

There is a big increase under Miscellaneous Services, the main item of which is an addition of \$350,000 which is to cover the cost for a full year of the additional exchange allowance to civil servants paid on a sterling basis.

Another interesting item under this heading is a grant of \$32,200 by the Government to enable the School of Chinese at the University to be started.

A summary of the expenditure for next year, compared with the estimates for 1928, shows a net increase of \$2,616,606. This figure is arrived at by offsetting decreases of \$998,064 against increases totalling \$3,614,669.

#### New Posts.

The biggest increase is in respect of Public Works Extraordinary (\$952,441), whilst other increases worthy of mention are New Posts, \$582,718 (offset by \$178,664 in the abolition of other posts); Special Expenditure, \$635,290; Military Contribution, \$334,784; and Miscellaneous Services, \$283,339.

Under the Cadet Service there is a net increase of \$39,569, which includes an item of \$15,000 for new posts. This is explained by the fact that five Cadets are required to bring the establishment up to strength.

#### Clerical Staffs.

New posts in the Senior Clerical Staff will cost \$35,000, the net increase for which department totals \$52,630; whilst in the Junior Clerical Staff the total increase is \$104,154. This latter sum includes \$25,000 in respect of new posts (fourteen at the C.S.O. and six at the Treasury), as well as a sum of \$42,250 in respect of an increase in the proportion of higher class posts, which is in continuation of the Government policy of expanding the number of such posts in order to accelerate promotion.

In the Audit Department, a sum of \$7,800 will be needed for a new post, namely, a 2nd Assistant Auditor at a salary of \$660, but \$4,800 is being saved in abolition of posts.

There will be a decrease of \$51,424 at the Imports and Exports Department, mainly under "Other Charges." One interesting item is a sum of \$2,000, as Reuter Fund, this being allocated in view of a decrease in fines collected by the Magistrates.

The Fire Brigade will show an increase of \$32,362 in the coming year, mainly due to special expenditure. Under this heading a sum of \$22,000 is set aside for a new motor fire engine to replace the No. 2 appliance.

#### Cost of Police.

On the Police Department there is expected to be a net decrease of \$44,765, chiefly due to savings under special expenditure. New posts are to cost \$50,232, but against this must be placed a saving of \$26,850 in respect of abolition of posts. The new posts include an Inspector at \$1,200, a Chief Inspector at \$500, two Inspectors at \$400 each, four Sergeants at \$220 each, two Indian Assistant Superintendents at \$4,200, and various additions to the Chinese contingent. Posts to be abolished include an Armourer at \$4,218, seven Lance Sergeants at \$160 each, 18 Indian constables at \$3,888 and six Welshwal lance-sergeants at \$1,944.

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## SHANGHAI FLOODS SEQUEL.

### FRENCH CONCESSION STREETS STILL SUBMERGED.

### CHINESE OBSTRUCTION

Shanghai, Sept. 19.

An extraordinary situation exists in the French Concession, following the floods caused by the typhoon over the week-end.

Water is still standing in many roads, whilst the interiors of many residences have been seriously damaged as a result of the inundations.

Some of the streets are submerged under water to a depth in some places of eighteen inches.

Persistent efforts by the French authorities to induce the Chinese administration to dredge the Sincow Creek have proved fruitless.

Even though the Chinese authorities have been presented with a costly dredger which they have never used, they are neither disposed to execute the work themselves nor to allow the French to undertake the task, contending that this would be a violation of their sovereignty.

The French Municipality is now considering the installation of a sewage system independent of the Chinese, so as to avert a recurrence of the present state of affairs.

Residents are becoming increasingly restive.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

### THE LINAN COLLIDES WITH JUNK.

### BOAT PEOPLE REFUSE OFFER OF ASSISTANCE.

The s.s. Linan (Captain Beer), of the China Navigation Company, arriving from Amoy, reports a collision with a junk en route, with the result that the craft was sunk, but there was no loss of life.

Captain Beer states that the collision occurred at 3.55 a.m. yesterday when the Linan was approximately 8½ miles north of the Lammocks. The fishing boat was showing no lights and the collision was unavoidable. A boat was lowered from the Linan, under charge of the Chief Officer, but the proffered assistance was refused by the junk crew, who had meanwhile been picked up by a companion craft.

In view of the attitude of the survivors, the Chief Officer decided to return to the Linan, after assuring himself that no lives had been lost.

Full details of the accident have been communicated to the Harbour Master.

### JOCKEY CLUB ALARM.

### MUCH ADO OVER A FEW ELECTRIC SPARKS.

Considerable excitement was created last night, about eight o'clock, when a report was received at the Central Fire Station that the Jockey Club Stables in Causeway Bay were on fire. The brigade immediately responded, only to find that the trouble had been caused by the breaking of certain electric wires in Stable No. 6, the broken ends giving off sparks on contact with the ground. The switching off of the current at the meter put a sudden end to the display.

It appears that the alarm was raised by some Chinese women who had over-estimated the extent of the danger.

### DUTCH FINANCIAL BALANCE.

### LOAN IN AMERICA TO BE PARTLY REDEEMED.

The Hague, Sept. 18.  
Presenting the Budget, which shows a surplus of 8,000,000 florins, to Parliament to-day, the Netherlands Finance Minister announced that the \$40,000,000 loan issued in New York after the war, will be partially redeemed during 1929.—*Reuter.*

## LOCKED OUT OF LODGINGS.

### EUROPEAN COUPLE'S CLAIM.

### LUGGAGE SEIZED FOLLOWING RENT DISPUTE.

### LADY SUED IN COURT.

The grievance of a man and his wife who, after spending a night with some friends in Kowloon, returned to their lodgings the next morning to find themselves locked out and their luggage seized, were aired in the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Jackson. The case was one in which Mr. and Mrs. A. Howarth, of the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, sued Mrs. L. R. Castellion, of No. 2, Queen's Road Central, for damages.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara appeared for Mr. and Mrs. Howarth, while Mr. Leo D'Almada, jun., instructed by Mr. Leo D'Almada, senr., defended.

Mr. Howarth said that when he sought advice at the Police Station, he was told to get a big hammer and smash the door in. As a result of the incident, he alleged, he and his wife had to cancel a voyage to Australia, and they were \$550 out of pocket.

#### Married Since Writ.

At the opening of the case, Mr. D'Almada said Mrs. Castellion had married since the issue of the writ and she was now known as Mrs. L.R. Young. He asked for the writ to be amended and, there being no objection from Mr. Macnamara, this was done.

Mr. Macnamara, after commenting on the simplicity of the issues, both with regard to fact and law, said he noticed that Mr. D'Almada had a very formidable library of legal works, adding "I must say I am surprised because once the facts are proved there can be little dispute about the law to be applied to the case."

Mr. Macnamara continued that Mr. and Mrs. Howarth had previously been living at the Station Hotel, Kowloon, but, for reasons of convenience, they wished to reside in Hongkong. He thought it was by means of an advertisement that they got into touch with Mrs. Young and they agreed with her for the hire of a bedroom and a private bathroom at No. 2, Queen's Road Central, first floor, which was above the showroom of the Electric Company.

#### Rooms for a Month.

They naturally had negotiations before taking the rooms, and according to the plaintiffs' story, they agreed to rent the rooms for the month of August only at a rent of \$65, which was paid in advance. It was also agreed that if either Mr. or Mrs. Howarth, or both, had meals there, an extra charge of 50 cents for each should be made.

Continuing Mr. Macnamara said that everything went smoothly until about August 14, when Mr. Howarth, in the course of conversation with Mrs. Young was present, said that he was going to Australia at the end of the month.

After that, Mrs. Young took Mrs. Howarth aside, and asked whether she was going to pay any compensation by way of notice for breaking the agreement. "Her case is," added Mr. Macnamara, "that this was a tenancy from month to month." Mrs. Howarth was asked to pay \$32.50, being half the rent for September in respect of the alleged breach of contract. Mrs. Howarth said then, as she said now, that she did not enter into an agreement except for renting the rooms for one month, and refused to pay anything at all.

#### Locked Out.

Mrs. Howarth maintained that attitude and on August 27 she and her husband went to Kowloon to dine with some friends. They spent the night with their friends, but when they returned to their lodgings on the following morning, they found themselves locked out. They were not allowed to enter their room which they had taken for the whole of August and which they had paid for.

They were forcibly prevented from obtaining their baggage which was inside, said Mr. Macnamara. The plaintiffs went to (Continued on Page 8.)

## SPANISH "MURDER" SCARE.

### ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON DICTATOR DENIED.

### NO BASIS FOR RUMOUR.

Madrid, Sept. 18.

The alleged attempt to assassinate the Dictator, General Primo de Rivera at Barcelona, is definitely dispelled as a rumour. The rumours, however, were for some time unusually strong and were credited by more than the "man in the street," especially as General de Rivera did not return at the expected time.

It has now been placed in the category of a scare, which officials attribute to "hostile machinations."

General Primo de Rivera's departure for Barcelona on Saturday, in view of rumours of a separatist movement in Catalonia, has been commented on with much interest and no little curiosity. It is considered likely that his object was to take a personal hand in straightening out the tangle which resulted from the recent wholesale arrests, irrespective of guilt, in connexion with an alleged conspiracy. There is now no doubt that there was a widespread plot implicating Freemasons, Socialists and Republicans, and even, allegedly, an Archbishop.

A communique has now been received stating that the Dictator is still in Barcelona. He received journalists this evening and expressed satisfaction with the enthusiastic and popular welcome accorded him.—*Reuter.*

#### "FLAPPER" VOTE.

### WOMEN NOT REQUIRED TO DIVULGE AGE.

London, Sept. 18.

It is stated that for the purpose of the compilation of the new Voters' Register, which will include women of 21 years to whom the franchise has recently been extended, every householder will be required, before the end of the year, to fill in a form giving particulars of his household.

This return will be compulsory, and failure to make it will entail a penalty of £20.

An interesting feature will be that women will not be required to divulge their age. It will simply be a question of whether a woman is 21 or over.—*British Wireless.*

## CHINA AND JAPAN.

### HOPES OF EARLY START OF NEGOTIATION.

Shanghai, Sept. 19.

Questioned concerning the latest developments in the Sino-Japanese question, Dr. C. T. Wang, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, agreed that Baron Tanaka had modified his strong attitude towards China. He anticipated that the Sino-Japanese negotiations would start in the near future. He added that he had recently sent an official to see the Japanese Consul-General on this matter.

As regards the Sino-French settlement of the Nanking incident, Dr. Wang said the French Consul-General had not received further instructions from Paris yet, but he expected that a settlement would be reached very shortly.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

### OLD CONTROVERSY SETTLED.

### AMERICANS MAY EXPLORE DUTCH INDIES.

Washington, Sept. 18.

A long standing controversy between the United States and Holland about the right of their nationals to explore oil-lands in each other's territory has been settled.

The State Department says that from now on the Dutch East Indies will be open to exploration by Americans.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## GENEVA SURPRISE PROPOSAL.

### GREAT NAVAL POWERS TO MEET IN PARIS?

### LORD CUSHENDUN INDICATES BRITISH DISAPPROVAL.

### INVITATION ILLTIMED.

Geneva, Sept. 18.

A suggestion that without more ado the great naval Powers of the world should discuss disarmament proposals at a private meeting in Paris shortly, with the Anglo-French naval compromise probably intended as the basis for discussion, was made at to-day's meeting of the Third Committee of the League of Nations, which deals with Disarmament.

Lord Cushendun, the British delegate, made it perfectly clear that the suggestion is not likely to meet with approval.

#### Paramount Importance.

The matter was introduced by M. Loudon, the chairman of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, who informed the Third Committee that he proposed to ask France, Great Britain, the United States, Italy and Japan to instruct their delegates to the Disarmament Commission to attend a private meeting in Paris.

He proposed to make this request in order that these Governments who disagreed on certain important points of the draft of the Disarmament Convention should reach an understanding as an agreement between the great naval Powers was of paramount importance.

#### Not Likely To Accept.

If an agreement was reached at Paris, M. Loudon promised that there would be no delay in summoning the next meeting of the Disarmament Commission. Alternatively, M. Loudon said he would invite the League Assembly to fix a date.

Lord Cushendun, in reply, said that it was most unlikely that M. Loudon's invitation would be accepted by any of the Powers mentioned.

He added that by inviting the signatories to the Washington Convention to attend a special meeting in Paris, M. Loudon proposed to antedate the review of that Convention, which had already been fixed for 1931.

#### Suggestion Criticised.

M. Loudon was proposing that the signatories should consider naval disarmament under quite different auspices and from a totally different angle.

Lord Cushendun said that he held it to be very desirable, therefore, that no great expectations should be aroused as to the possibility of a far-reaching agreement upon naval disarmament upon a proposition made in this manner.

He pointed out that the suggestion was presented as a complete surprise and that the Governments had had no opportunity whatever to consider.

He expressed a very grave doubt whether great Britain would be prepared to accept.

#### Debate Adjourned.

M. Paul Boncour, the French delegate, who recently proposed that the Anglo-French naval agreement should be discussed at an early date, and who said that even on the basis of the partial security existing at present a partial reduction of armaments could be made, urged that the Disarmament Conference should meet at the end of 1928 or the beginning of 1929.

Further discussion brought no agreement and the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

#### FAIR WEATHER.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anticyclone remains central to the north of Japan. A trough of low pressure extends from Indo-China, to Guam. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh; fair.





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### CHINESE GIRL'S DEATH.

#### INQUIRY REVELATIONS.

The death inquiry demanded by the mother of a young Chinese girl, Chan Mei-chun, who committed suicide in Waterloo Road on July 27 was continued before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, and during the course of the cross-examination of a female witness, it was revealed that the mother had challenged her to declare her innocence before the corpse of the deceased.

Such declaration, said the mother, would have satisfied her that the witness had had nothing to do with her daughter's death but her failure to comply had necessitated the present proceedings to investigate the circumstances of the girl's death.

Tsat Ku (Chan Wai-yan) was the first witness called yesterday. In reply to the Coroner she said that she had met the deceased sometime before last Christmas at the Yau-mai Police Station where she had been visiting a female searher. The deceased had just been discharged from the Po Leung Kuk, where she had been sent, according to the female searher, for fighting with her mother.

One night the deceased went to witness' house and said that she wanted to find work and wanted to stay with witness. When asked what she meant, the deceased replied that her mother had struck her and that as she had no where to go she had called on witness. At the same time the deceased exhibited several black marks on her arm, which, she said, had been caused by her mother. On leaving her house, deceased's mother had told her not to go anywhere except to Tsat Ku's place.

#### "A Bad Girl."

Witness informed the deceased that she was unable to allow her to stay but asked her master if he had any objections. Her master consented and witness then instructed the deceased to obtain her mother's permission first. Her mother accompanied the deceased back to the house and told witness that "this daughter is a bad girl, disobedient and is always going out late and sometimes does not return at nights."

The deceased's mother further told witness that if she came across anybody, either a Chinese or a westerner, looking for a wife she (the mother) would like her to introduce the deceased. The mother after giving her consent to the deceased staying at witness' house, went home.

A few days later witness requested to see the deceased's mother, who on arrival asked what she had been sent for. Witness reminded her of her remarks on the previous occasion and said that she knew a European and asked if she liked him. The mother said yes.

The Coroner: Well, first of all did she see the European?

Witness: No, not yet. Continuing witness said that the following night Hayward visited the house and had a conversation with the deceased's parents. Hayward asked how much they wanted. The father made no reply but the mother said \$250. Hayward offered \$100 to which the mother replied, "Yes, I can reduce it to that but every month you must give me some money to help me before I will allow my daughter to marry you."

#### All Satisfied.

The mother then asked both her daughter and Hayward in turn whether each liked the other and on receiving replies in the affirmative, witness left the group. The others remained talking for some time and then left the house.

The following evening the parents and a son called at witness' house and had another conversation with Hayward but witness did not know what they had been talking about. Later Hayward informed witness to call at his office on Monday, two days later,

and he would hand her the money for the deceased's parents.

The money was accordingly obtained and handed to the mother. In the evening the mother went to see witness and asked what day Hayward had chosen for the wedding. The mother insisted that they should have a proper ceremony. She wanted her daughter to go back to her house to be married but the deceased refused, remarking that she had been ill-treated only a week before and it would be rather shameful to return to the house and be married. It was then suggested that a room be engaged in an hotel for the occasion but after some discussion it was decided they should hire a motor car and ride around the district.

The deceased's parents, the deceased, her younger brother, witness and her daughter were the only occupants. Hayward did not take part as he had not turned up and was not willing to join the party.

#### "I Don't Want to Live."

After staying at witness' house for about twenty days they both left and lived in Kennedy Town. Witness never visited them at their house. The next time she saw the deceased was on January 22 when deceased and her mother went to see witness. Two months later she again saw the deceased, who was this time alone. She was crying and on being questioned replied, "I don't want to live. I am very distressed."

When asked why she was distressed the deceased said, "This reason my mother allowed me to marry Hayward because she was hoping he would give her small sums of money each month and now he has stopped his help. If I go back to my mother she will scold me, and I sometimes get scolded when she comes to Kennedy Town, for not asking Hayward for money."

The deceased, said witness, complained that the days were long and she did not know what to do.

Two weeks later the deceased again went to witness' house and said that she had had a quarrel with Hayward who had slapped her twice. She later left, telling witness that she was going back to her mother. She paid occasional visits to witness subsequently but there were times when witness was not at home when she called.

#### Witness Cross-Examined.

The Coroner: Does the father or mother wish to put any questions to this witness?

The Mother: It is not true when you said my daughter told you she had a fight with her mother. We were on very good terms as mother and daughter.

The Coroner (to witness): She denies having a fight with her daughter?

Witness: That's what her daughter said. The Mother: You told the Court that my daughter came out from the Po Leung Luk. Did you see her leave the institution?

The Coroner (to witness): I don't suppose you did, did you?

Witness: No. (To the mother): Your daughter herself said so in the presence of the female searher at the Station.

The Mother: Of course she is dead now; you can invent any story you like.

The Coroner: All right that will do.

The Mother: I never told you my daughter was a bad girl or anything like that?

Witness: You did, although you now deny it. I told that to my master. He said nothing but smiled.

The Mother: Didn't you act as go-between and guarantee that my daughter would marry Hayward and that Hayward would not have more than one wife?

Witness: No, I never undertook that guarantee.

You said, "It is only a Westerner who can earn \$200 a month. A Chinese never can."—No, I did not.

The Coroner: It doesn't really matter whether she said so or not does it?

#### Suggested Suicide to Deceased?

The Mother: You also told me a Western son-in-law would look

after his mother and father-in-law and that there was a good chance for my son to get a job?—No, I did not say that.

I said, "Her father is an able-bodied man and needs no help from him at present but when he is in difficulties he might seek such help from him?—You did not say that to me."

Witness: You had better think it over then.

The Mother: One day my daughter spoke to me and said that when she had a quarrel with Hayward you were present and when the quarrel was over you advised my daughter to engage a motor boat and jump into the harbour?—No, I didn't.

You told my daughter that she was pregnant and that Hayward would lose his job and if he lost his job she would lose her support. You told her to take some red pills and musk and green peas to cause an abortion?—No.

The Coroner: Did she confide with you when she was pregnant?

Witness: No. It was after her discharge from hospital that she told me.

The Mother (to witness): You gave her some red pills. Why did you want to have....

#### A Criminal Offence.

The Coroner: I would point out that the giving of these things to a woman is a criminal offence. That is one reason why she does not wish to admit it even if it is true.

The Mother: You told a lie when you said that I only promised to allow my daughter to marry Hayward with the object of getting small sums from him?—Your daughter told me that.

The Coroner: There's another point. About this statement made to her daughter about Hayward losing his job if he had a child. Did you say that to her?

Witness: No.

In reply to further questions witness denied that she had always advised the deceased to commit suicide whenever she was in trouble.

The Mother: Is it a fact that the Government will not allow the wives of their employees to have children?

The Coroner: I don't think she (witness) can be expected to answer questions on Government policy.

The father was then asked if he had any questions to put to witness and he proceeded to interrogate her about a letter which he alleged witness had put in the deceased's bag. He said that Hayward found the letter and was angry because of its contents. He alleged that the witness had put the letter there to get the deceased into trouble.

Witness denied all knowledge of the letter.

Challenge Rejected.

The Father: After my daughter's death while she was lying in the mortuary my wife challenged you to go inside and walk to the bed of the deceased and say these words, "I, Tsat Ku, did not murder you; I am not responsible for your death," but you refused. You dared not say these words and that shows you have a guilty heart.

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The Mother: In my house on Saturday when you came. I said to you, "When we get to the mortuary I want you to go inside to my daughter and declare before the corpse, you mian, you seng (with name and surname), calling out, "Mei Chun, I am not responsible for your death. Your soul is still living and if I had anything to do with this, will you do the worst to me and also if I gave you this advice to take the medicine to cause an abortion and if I put any letter into your bag,"

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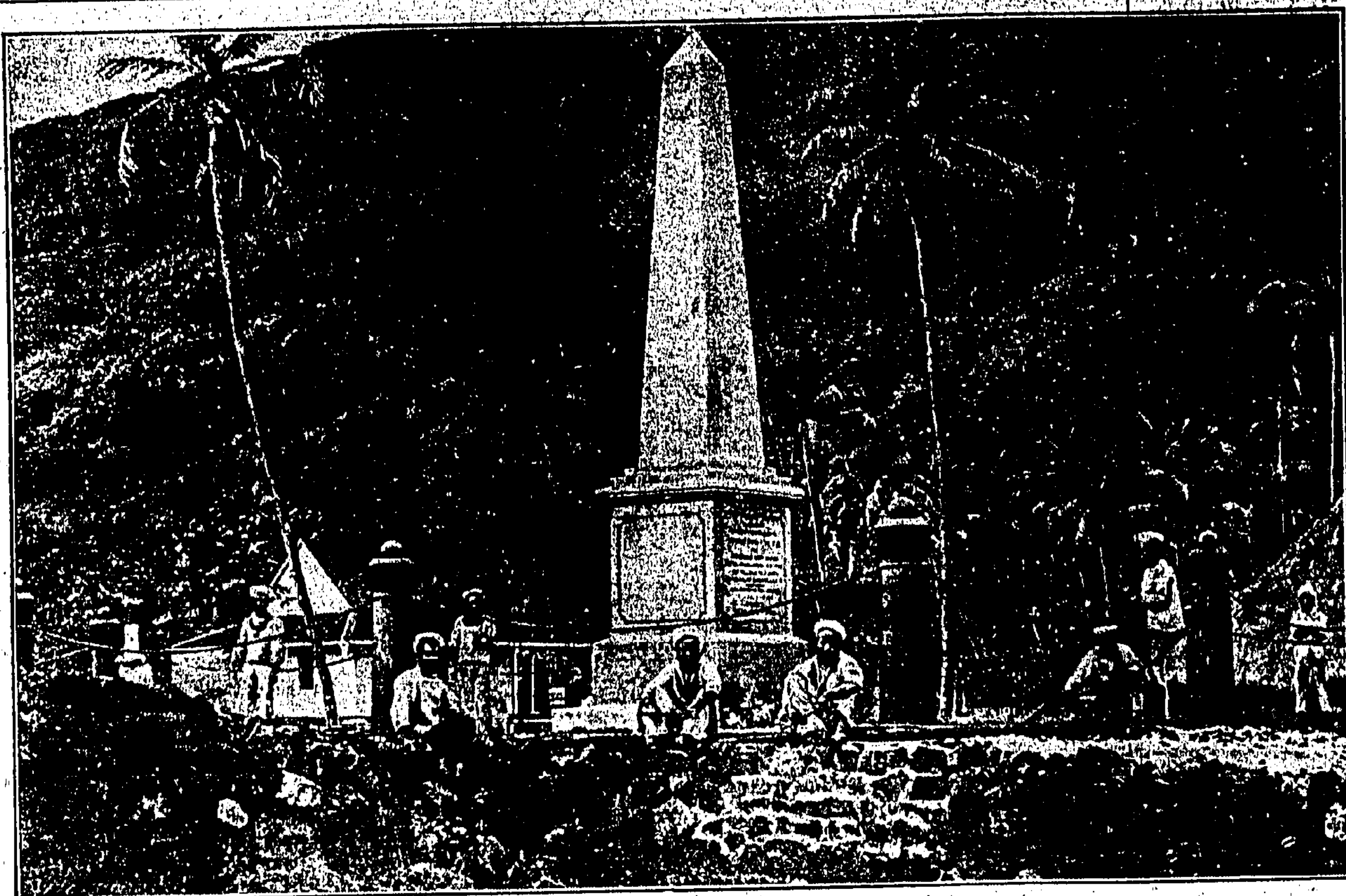
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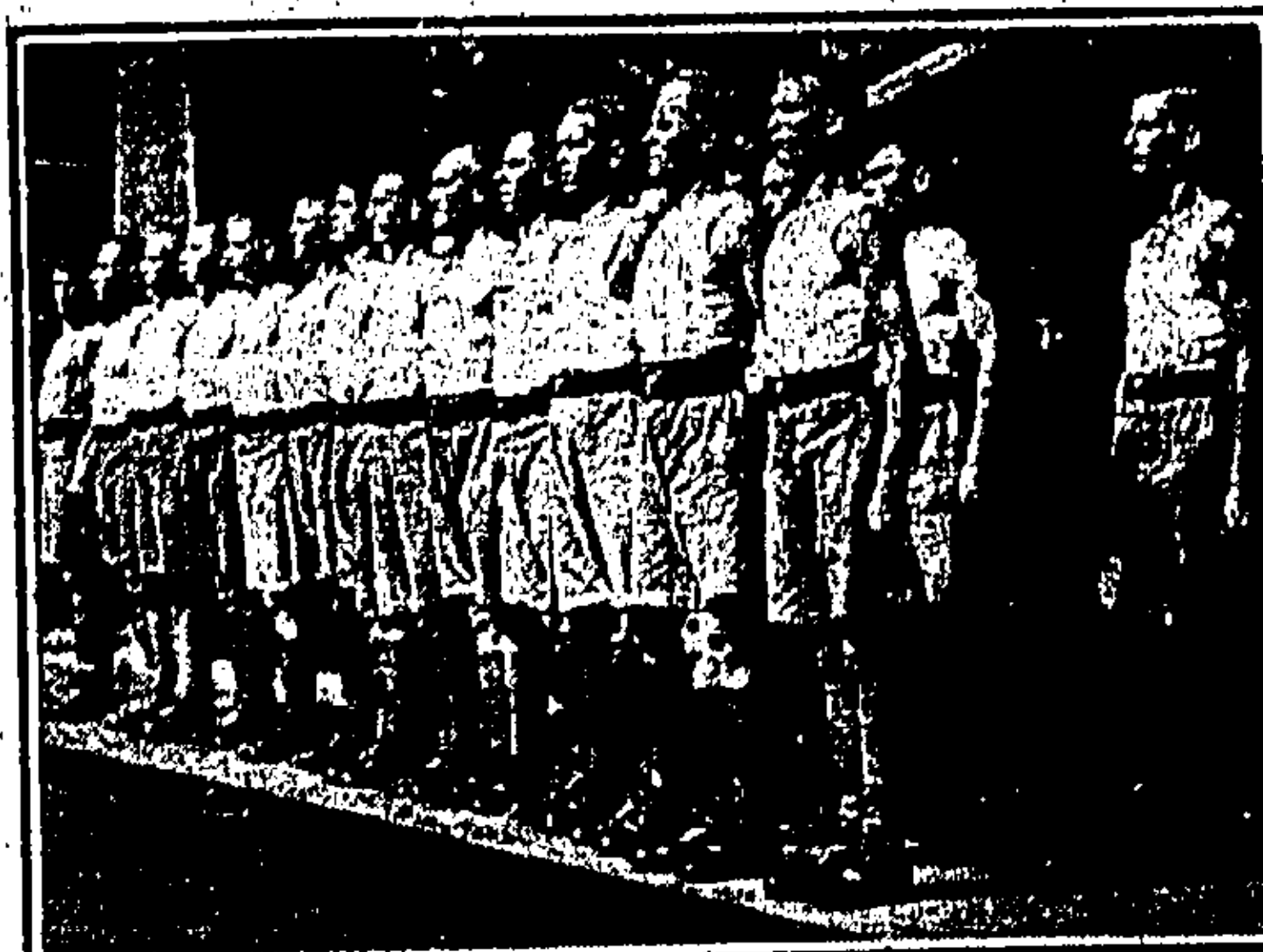




A naval party from H.M.S. *Panama* in October, 1876, visited the memorial erected to Captain Cook at Kaavaloa, in Kaavaloa Bay, near the spot where the explorer met his death in February 1779. This photograph, which was taken on the occasion, of the recent naval visit, shows the party at the memorial. (Times copyright).



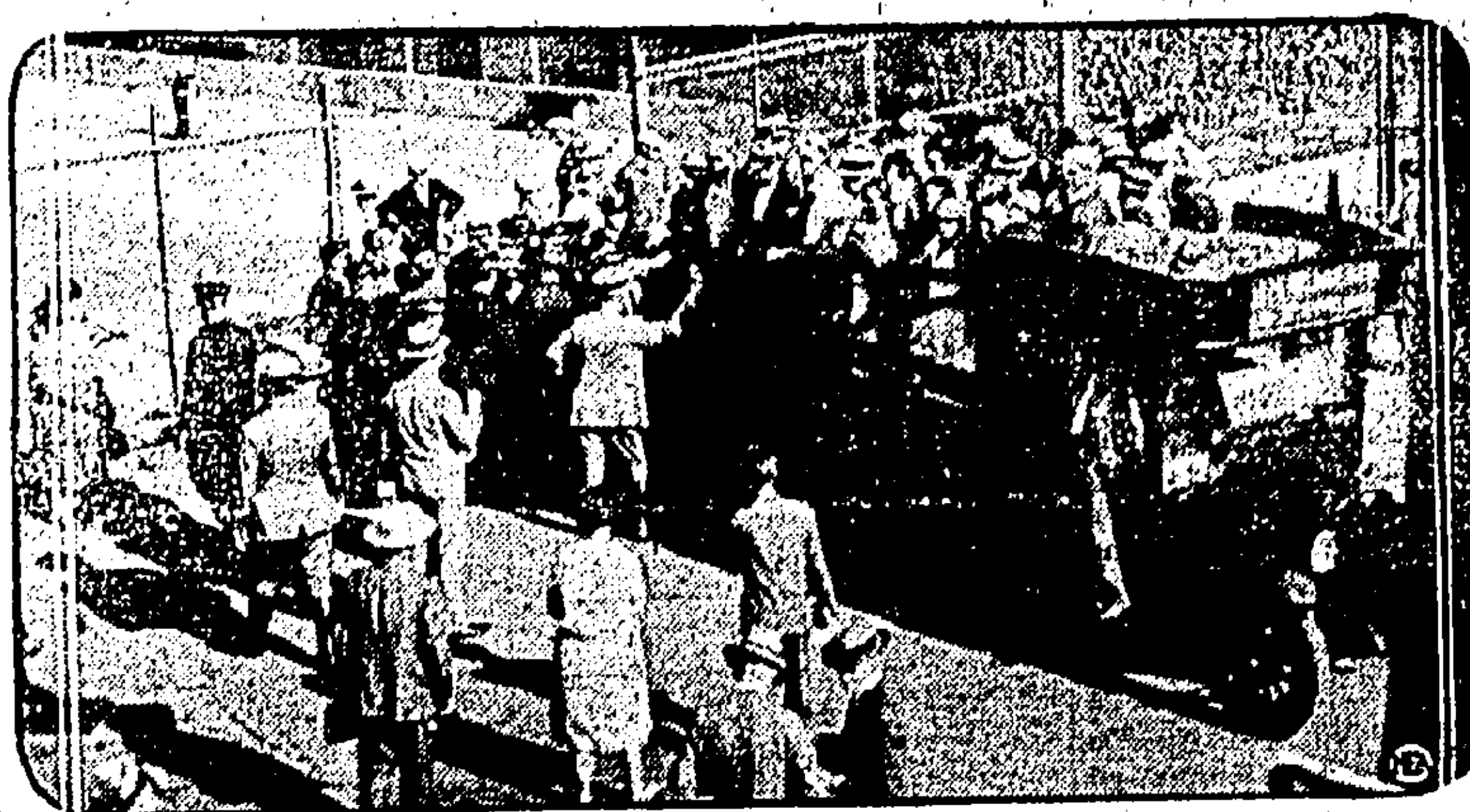
A large number of Shanghai residents, usually staid and dignified, laid it aside on the evening of September 1st, when a "Kid's Party" was held in the Columbia Country Club. The picture above shows a scene during the frolics.



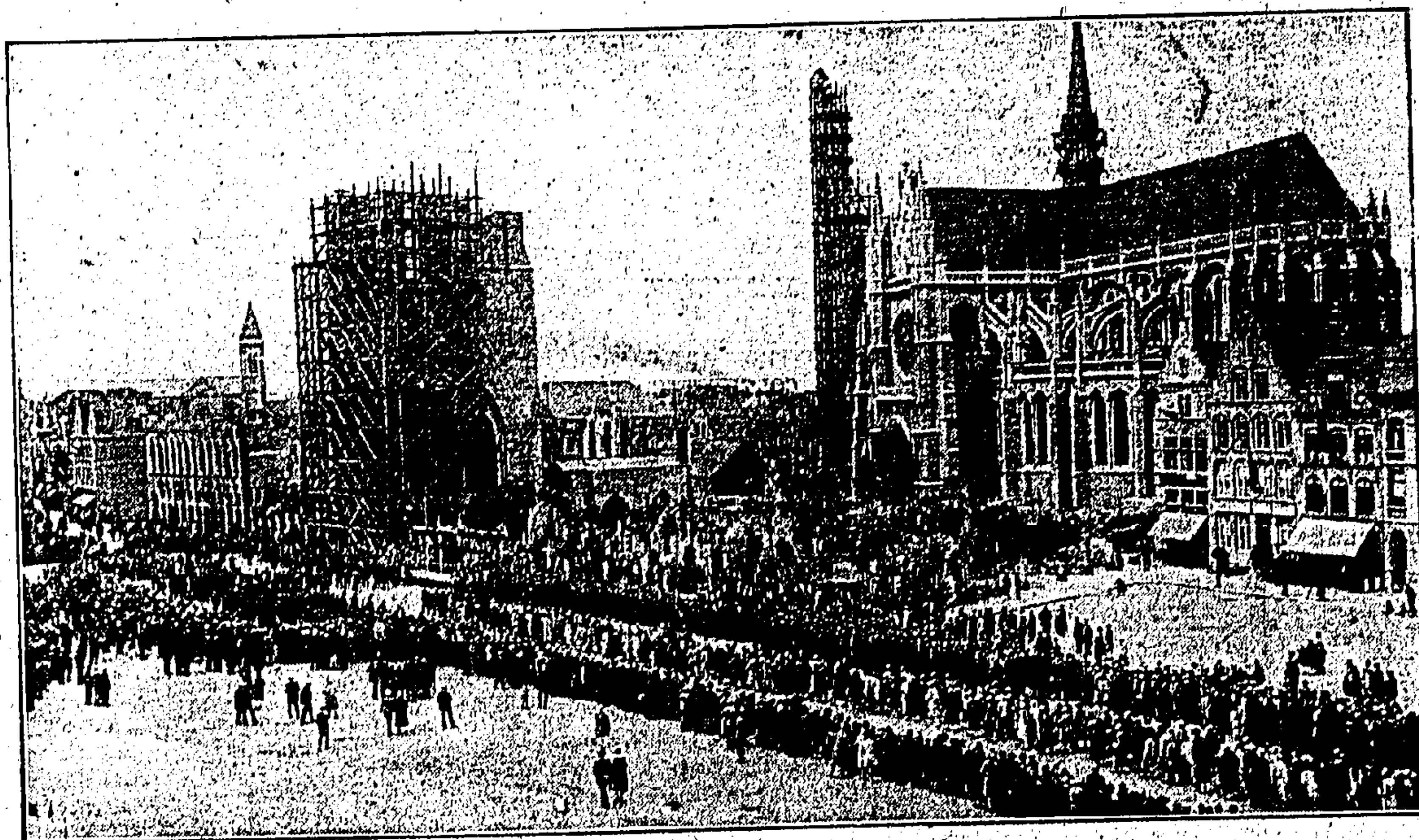
New recruits for the Russian unit engaged in police duties in the International Settlement. It will be seen that a fine type of man is being acquired.



Eight months old, this Chinese baby, was recently adjudged the healthiest in San Francisco.



Wholesale arrests have been made by the American police in connexion with the textile industry strike at New Bedford, Mass. The above picture shows pickets being arrested on charges of rioting.



The march of the 11,000 pilgrims of the British Legion through the Grande Place at Ypres, during the recent Menin Gate celebrations. The ruined Cloth Hall is seen on the left and the partly-rebuilt Cathedral in the background. (Times copyright).

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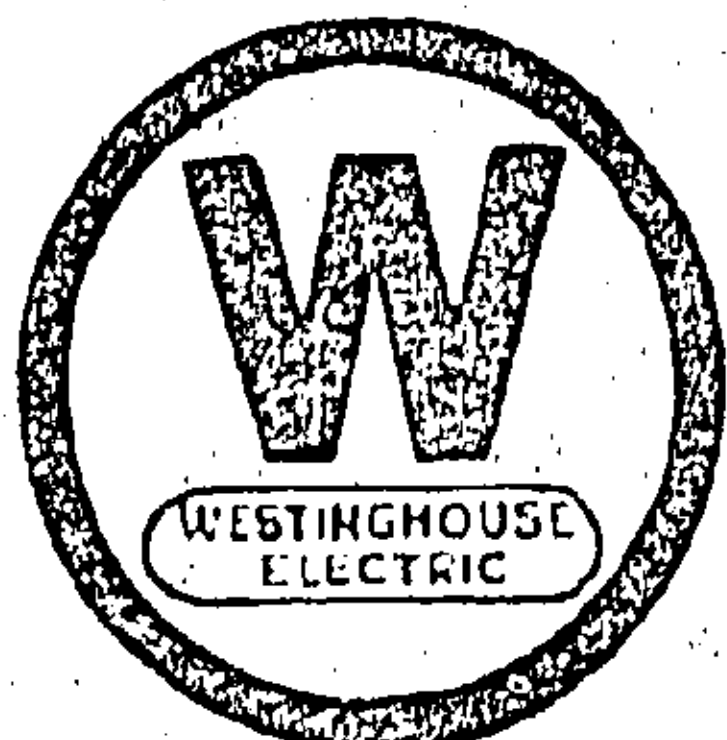
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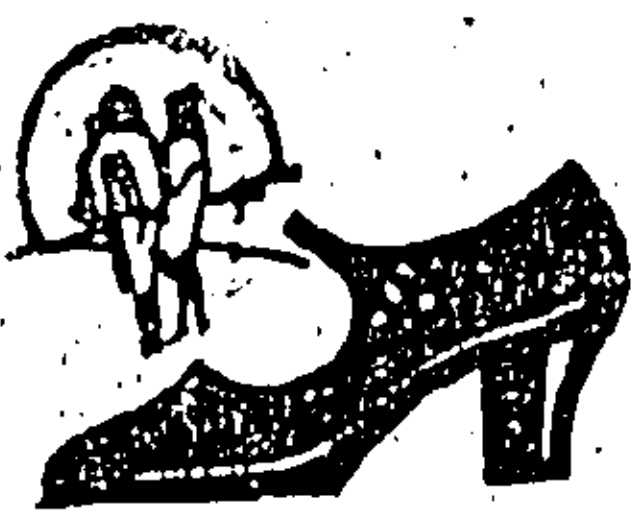
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## A GREAT FILM.

## "BIRTH OF A NATION" AT THE WORLD.

D. W. Griffith's stupendous production, "The Birth of a Nation" through which the director and the leading players, Lillian Gish, Henry B. Walthall and Mia Marsh, first achieved fame, returns to the World Theatre to-day, where it will remain the chief attraction until Saturday. The story deals with the chaotic times which prevailed in America before and immediately after the Civil War and depicts in a vivid manner the sorrows and strife of the people during that period. Eventually, the Klu Klux Klan, an association of the oppressed, who rode about by night, masked and hooded, brought this tyranny to an end, and established an era of prosperity and amity in the land. The picture contains a number of spectacular scenes, not the least of which is a wonderful ride by the hooded avengers which comes as a smashing climax to a remarkable picture. "The Birth of a Nation" was the first "super" production to be made. It definitely decided the future of the motion picture and at the same time revealed the genius of the screen's foremost director. It is only possible to have three showings daily owing to the great length of the film which will commence promptly at 2.30, 6.30 and 9.15. The orchestra will play during the 9.15 performance.

## TIGER WHISKERS.

## WHAT MOVIE MEN FOUND IN JUNGLE.

Tigers in the jungles of Northern Siam are believed to be the guardians of departed spirits which are thought to travel inside these animals. As a result, hundreds of the natives are killed each year because they are afraid to kill the beasts.

Often tigers attack domestic animals on the edge of a village and lie in wait for the unwary hunter. Merian Cooper and Ernest Schoedsack, the two intrepid explorers who filmed "Chang," discovered this soon after their arrival in Siam for the purpose of producing the jungle melodrama.

The movie men's encounters with tigers were frequent and at times it became necessary to shoot in self-preservation. After each killing the natives dismembered the animals, carefully removed their whiskers, which they use as charms, and boiled the bones for medicine. No native family is considered safe without a receptacle containing the essence of tiger bones.

A return of alien passengers landed in the United Kingdom during the second quarter of the year shows that 67,574 were visitors on holiday, and a further 23,998 visitors on business. The total of 121,901 landed included 11,680 residents returning from abroad, and 9,206 in transit to other countries. The number admitted with Ministry of Labour permits was 2,578. Last year the total landed was 112,731. In the same period 100,832 persons embarked as compared with 93,336 in the corresponding quarter last year. Five hundred and thirty-one persons were refused permission to land, against 562 in the same quarter last year. For the six months ended June 30 the figures were: visitors on holiday, 68,699; visitors on business, 159,810; refused leave to land, 1,003; compared with 171,831 landed, 147,431 embarked, and 1,049 refused, in the corresponding half of last year.

## WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

## Beauty Hints.

## FOR THE SPORTS GIRL.

A shiny appearance, caused by the fat glands, is a common summer complaint, particularly among young girls. Besides the nose, the chin and eyebrows are often affected. According to a leading beauty specialist, if a gritty pore-wash is used every night and a good lotion in the morning, the open pores will normally close and the unpleasant shiny effect disappear.

A shiny skin, too, gives cause to continuous dabblings with the powder-puff. This is by no means a pretty social habit. Many women are using a cooling preparation which is also a liquid powder. A dusting of ordinary face powder can be applied over this, but even without the powder the liquid makes a good defence against the objectionable "shine." It can be had in four shades—natural, cream, dark rachel, and the new moiré or "Lido" tan.

Before going out to bathe or play tennis, the arms and neck must be protected from the sun. A good way to do this is to use a paste which soaks into the skin. The preparation should be applied five minutes before going out, then wiped off and the skin dusted thickly with powder to give the maximum protection from the sun. Do not, however, try to use it on the face, as it is too greasy.

Too much washing dries out the skin in hot weather, a specialist says. It is best to use pore or

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astringent lotion for cleansing the face, Hent has the effect of making the muscles sag and the skin grow flaccid and tired. Astringent is more efficacious than water in the matter of toning up the muscles and tightening the skin.

## Autumn Fashions.

## LATEST IN HANDBAGS AND GLOVES.

With autumn round the corner, all the shops are showing fascinating new leather handbags. Silks have their innings in the weather, but they are not built for service. As far as shapes go, pouches and pochettes with a narrow flap promise to share honours during the next few months. As to leathers, there will be morocco, calf, dyed crocodile, and pigskin for everyday occasions, with antelope for "best."

Little jewelled bows are fashionable again. They perch at the waist, at the corner of the square-neck frock, or on the lapel of a black cloth suit, and are so natural-looking that one might take them for real wisps of sparkling ribbon, band-tied into a bow by some clever Frenchwoman. These brooches are carried out in emeralds, sapphires, or diamonds.

The latest gloves for golf are as practical as they are pleasing to the eye. The backs are of gaily coloured suede to match the inevitable suede coat or jumper, and are pierced for ventilation. The palms, on the other hand, are made

## New Ideas.

## FOR WINDOW CURTAINS.

This autumn there is likely to be a great demand for store curtains, those straight panels which fit the windows exactly and secure privacy, while permitting a free passage of light. Shops are showing a great variety of these lace panels which, although manufactured in Great Britain are very popular in Paris, famous for its window decorations.

Some of them have a plain hem, but the majority end in fringe. Seventy-five per cent. of the new season's curtains embody colour in some form or another, and in fifty per cent. artificial silk is used in combination with cotton.

A novelty is a curtain woven from shaded yarn, that is to say, from cottons or silks with the various colours all mixed up. These new curtains from the outside look almost like cretonne, but they do not obscure the light in the least and are as transparent as coarse flax net. When the curtain is in several colours, the side hangings generally pick out the shade that harmonises best with the carpet and the walls.

of strong tan leather and give a splendid grip.

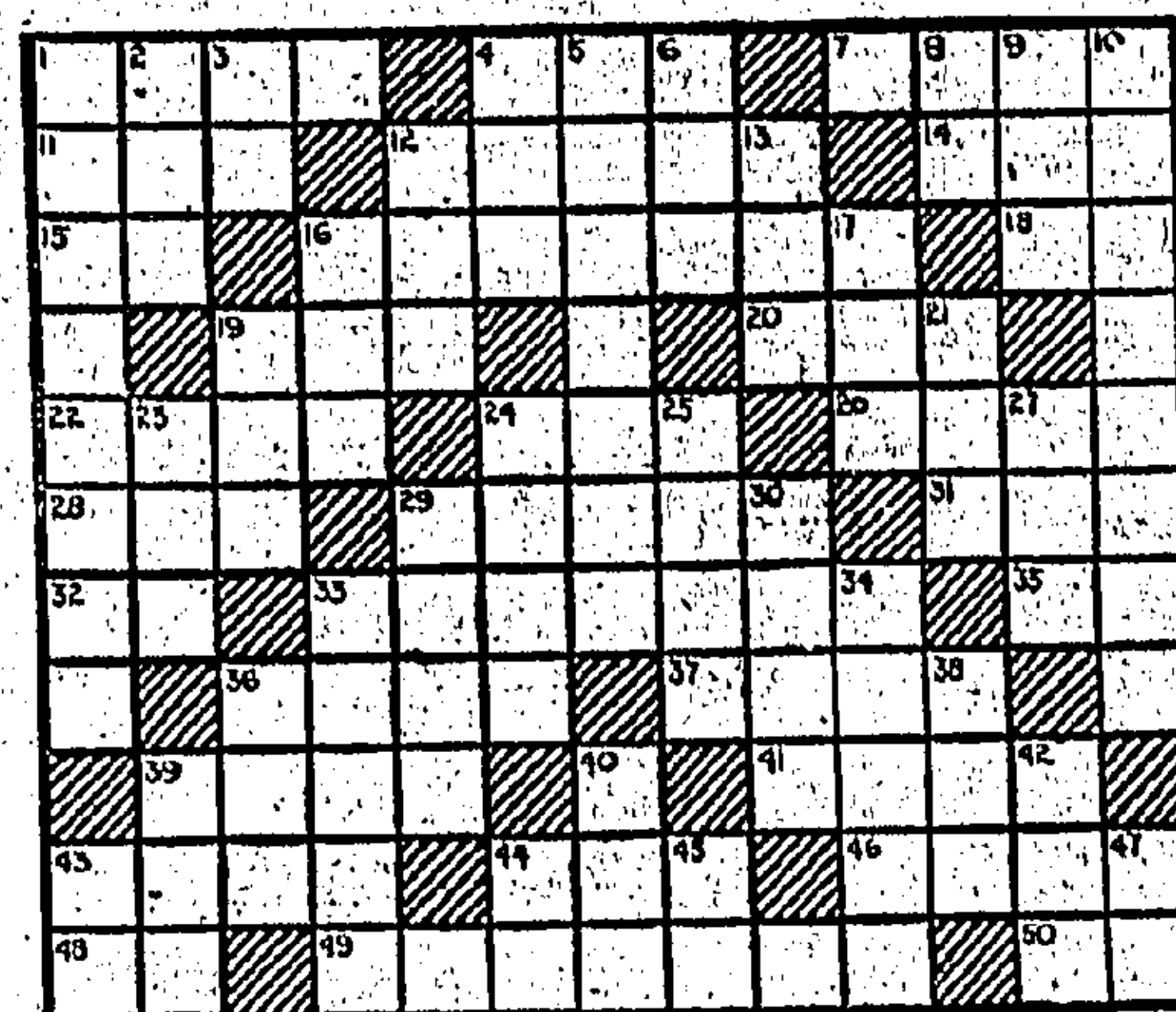
An unusual feature is that the button—a rather masculine, sternly plain bone affair—keeps well out of the player's way by taking up its position on the back of the wrist.

## Won Beauty Contest.



Miss Gladys Barnes, high school senior at Wichita, Kansas, won over 32 contestants the title of "Miss Wichita" for 1928.

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## Horizontal

- What stone is highly prized, for carved ornaments, by the Chinese?
- Star.
- Who was a famous American pirate?
- One of a tribe of Siouan Indians.
- To breathe loudly in sleep.
- Digit of the foot.
- Point of compass.
- Wooden appliances used for ascending in place of stairs.
- Delity.
- Animal of the genus "Bos."
- To knock.
- A jogging pace.
- Almost a donkey.
- To sketch.
- Mortar tray.
- Images.
- English coin.
- Paid publicity.
- Hairy.
- Measure of area.
- By-product of smoke.
- To breathe heavily.
- What cereal plant does Iowa grow in immense quantities?
- Long grass.
- Why did the forty-niners rush to California?
- Ocean.
- Correspondence.
- Upon.
- What poet wrote the "Ode to a Skylark"?
- Indian river.

## Vertical

- Who was King David's best friend? (Bib.)
- Devioured.
- To accomplish.
- Conjunction.
- What was the real surname of Lewis Carroll, author of "Alice

## in Wonderland?

- Native motel.
- Nouter pronoun.
- Female of the fallow deer.
- Which is the second smallest state in the Union?
- Observed.
- To sin.
- Quantity.
- Sorrowful.
- After what fish is the long hook-like "cape" on the shore of Massachusetts named?
- Golf teacher.
- Ward.
- Entrance.
- To slide.
- Constellation.
- To press.
- Heavenly body.
- Hangman's ropes.
- Feet.
- Sun.
- Beverage.
- To peruse.
- Snake-like fish.
- To immerse.
- To depart.
- Point of compass.
- Morindin dye.
- Behold.

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## UNECONOMIC.

The Government policy of spending considerable sums of public money on patching up old buildings is again emphasised in the proposed Budget appropriations for the coming year. This is particularly noticeable in the case of Government House, Mountain Lodge, Victoria Gaol and the makeshift prison at Lai-chikok. It is a policy which we consider to be the opposite of economic in the long run, for no matter how much money may be sunk in this way, there will always be calls for more. The fact of the matter is that many of our public and official buildings have had their day, and the sooner that is realised, the better. If for financial reasons they cannot all be replaced at the moment, then the obvious thing to do is to spend as little as possible on them until such time as it is possible to erect new buildings. This allocation of big sums for the maintenance and improvement of old premises is, to say the least, extremely wasteful.

To take the Governor's official residences first, there has in recent years been considerable expenditure on Government House. For the coming year, a further \$48,500 is required to carry out certain alterations and improvements. Then there is Mountain Lodge, His Excellency's summer residence. For the current year, a sum of over \$18,000 is needed for the installation of a hot water and central heating system, and other items, whilst for 1929 a further \$5,500, is to be asked for in respect of more improvements. In addition, no less than \$57,000 is budgeted for in order to construct a motor road to this residence. This latter item seems a big sum to pay for what, after all, can hardly be described as a necessity. It may well be that both Government House and Mountain Lodge are in need of improvement, but we would much prefer to see the minimum of money spent upon them until such time as it is found possible to erect an entirely new official residence. Sir Edward Stubbs, we believe, had an idea of a new Government House on the site of the Old Military Sanitarium at Magazine Gap. The site seems to us admirably adapted for such a purpose, being close to the main motor road to the Peak. Indeed, we see no reason why one now

residence there should not suffice for official needs. There is ample room on the site for an imposing block, besides which it is located only about a twenty minutes' motor ride from the city and would thus be quite convenient for those making official calls here. His Excellency could, of course, have his business office in Government Building, where there should be additional room now that the new storey is being added. Much, if not all, of the cost of a new Government House on the site mentioned could be covered from the disposal of the two existing residences, on which so much money is now continually being spent.

Turning now to prison accommodation, we find that more money is to be sunk in Victoria Gaol, where quite a good deal has already been spent in recent times. The latest expenditure is for \$41,000 in respect of a new Printing Shop. Then, no less than \$67,000 is needed for married quarters at Lai-chikok. How much better would it be if these sums stood over until the provision of a much-needed new Prison was taken in hand? At its best, Lai-chikok is a makeshift, never intended as a permanent goal. Already the Colony has spent something like a quarter of a million dollars in sinking piles on the Ngau Shi Wan site, where it was intended to erect a really modern prison and police training school. Let that scheme be revived, instead of all this money being literally thrown away. Then there will be ample room for married quarters, printing shops and all else needed.

## Jury Service Anomaly.

An extremely unusual and interesting ceremony was witnessed at the Supreme Court yesterday when the Chief Justice, in accordance with time-honoured custom, was presented with a pair of white gloves to mark the occasion of a maiden Criminal Sessions calendar. The rarity of the event is indicated by Sir Henry Gollan's revelation that in 25 years as an administrator of the law, yesterday was the first time he had taken part in such a happy ceremony, while the Colony's criminal records show that on three previous occasions only has the need for presentation of gloves arisen. It is not given to everyone, therefore, even in a life-time, to attend the court under such pleasing circumstances, attended by such interesting ceremonial. On the other hand, it is not everyone who desires to do so, and among these we would mention certain local business men who were compelled to be present yesterday by reason of the fact that they were on the list for jury service. It is somewhat astonishing that numerous "good men and true" should be warned to attend the Court when the officials were well aware that they would not be required. Obviously it was quite unnecessary. That business men should be called away from their normal duties, if only for an hour, to waste their time reveals something wrong with the Colony's jury system. Probably, the fault does not lay with the officials of the Court, but with the rules under which they are required to act. The jury system has rightly been described as one of the greatest achievements in British jurisprudence, but the working of the institution in Hongkong is far from ideal. We believe that jury service is an important duty which should be performed by every citizen, but there is no reason why it should not be made as easy for him as possible. It is an unfortunate fact that the majority of jurymen are unwilling; the more reason, therefore, that conditions should not allow him to leave the precincts of the Court with a grievance. The unsatisfactory operation of the Hongkong system does not begin and end with maiden calendars. It applies to every Criminal Sessions and to every inquest held in the Colony. It seems to us that an unnecessarily large jury list is prepared every month. Probably sixty per cent. of the gentlemen warned are never called upon to serve, but nevertheless are required to be in constant attendance, not all day, but for a period every day, or as the Court directs. The requirements of the Court could be met efficiently, we feel, if the exact number of jurors required, with a small addition to meet possible challenges, were warned, and no more. At inquests, it is only

## DAY BY DAY.

TRoubles, LIKE BABIES, GROW LARGER BY NURSING.—Lady Holland.

Three cases of typhoid were notified yesterday—one Indian and two Chinese.

Messrs Moutrie & Co., Ltd., have received a telegram to the effect that Miss Cecilia Hansen will give a final concert on September 24th. This will be welcome news to local music-lovers.

H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., accompanied by Mrs. Southern and friends, was present at the 6.10 p.m. performance in the Queen's Theatre yesterday to see the great jungle film "Chang." After the performance His Excellency said he had greatly enjoyed the picture, which he thought was a splendid production.

With the enterprise characteristic of the firm, Messrs Mackintosh and Company, Ltd., well-known men's wear specialists, have just completed an attractive alteration to their Tailoring Department. Tank panelling has been employed to good effect, while a fireplace has been installed in one corner of the showroom. Easy chairs of a typically masculine type complete an artistic scheme reminiscent of Clubland.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., four fishing boat mistresses were charged with using drags and grapples to lift objects from the harbour bed without the written permission of the Harbour Master. Pleading guilty, they were each fined \$5, with the usual alternative, his Worship adding that all gear seized by the police should be confiscated.

Poh Tong Hock, one of the defendants in a Supreme Court case in Singapore in which Tan Leng Yew sued Poh Leng Seng and Tan Leng Seng for \$6,000, has been sentenced to six weeks' rigorous imprisonment for perjury. The man was repeatedly warned to speak the truth, but continued to make statements which were so contradictory that the Judge intervened. The claim was dismissed with costs.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 14 arrivals and 17 departures, with British holding top place, recording six under each heading. Tonnage was fair, but freights showed a slump, there being only three inward cargoes of four figures and the same number of through freights above the 1,000 ton mark. British topped the inward cargoes and Japanese monopolised the through freights, with two British entering from coast ports in ballast. At 9 a.m. there were 55 vessels in harbour, of which 20 were British.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, the Chairman Mr. W. J. Carrie submitted a minute to the effect that wells at Nos. 6 and 8 Wing Kut Street were to be closed, on account of the insanitary conditions prevailing. Mr. Carrie mentioned that the wells were dug several years ago, for furnishing water for a flush system, but had fallen into disuse. Mr. Wong Kwong-ün, addressing the meeting, suggested that owing to the present "dry" season the water from wells although unfit for drinking purposes might be utilised for washing and cleansing and he suggested that the wells be allowed to remain. The question was eventually put over until the next meeting.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Sept. 18.
Paris	124.20
New York	48.54
Brussels	34.90
Geneva	25.20
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2
Milan	52.89
Berlin	20.30
Stockholm	18.13
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.42 1/2
Prague	103 1/2
Helsingfors	192 1/2
Madrid	20.31 1/2
Lisbon	107 1/2
Athens	37 1/2
Bucharest	79 1/2
Rio	5.29 3/8
Buenos Aires	47.11 3/8
Bombay	15.51 3/8
Hongkong	11 1/2
Yokohama	10.25 3/8
Silver (spot)	26 1/2
Silver (forward)	26 1/2

—British Wireless.

necessary to call the exact number, in accord with English practice. We seriously suggest to the authorities that the regulations covering jury service should be examined with a view to disposing of present anomalies. An effort in this direction, we are sure, would be greatly appreciated by the community generally.

## ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

### SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL POSITION.

The report of the Committee of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society for presentation at the forty-seventh annual general meeting at the City Hall on Thursday, Sept. 27, has just been published, and reveals a satisfactory financial position. The report states:

Our holdings in Straits Settlement War Loan were realized, and the proceeds amounting to \$7,969.74, plus \$2,030.26 from current account, were transferred to a Fixed Deposit for \$10,000. This amount was invested in Hongkong Government 6% Public Works Loan.

J. R. M. Smith Scholarship.

The sum of \$717 has been transferred from the Society's current account to a Savings Bank account in the above name.

This sum represents the accrued interest on \$500, 5% War Loan since the inception of the Fund.

### About Hong Kong.

#### Do you know that—

A General sat with the Governor as Judge at the first Criminal Sessions ever held in Hongkong?

Major General D'Aguiar, C.B., after whom D'Aguiar Street is named, arrived in the Colony in December, 1844, as Commander of the land forces in China, and distinguished himself by rendering valuable co-operation with the civil authorities in repressing crime. The first trial by jury here was held in March 1844, Major-General D'Aguiar sitting with the Governor to try the cases.

He left in 1848, after much useful service, and died at Home in 1856.

The lighthouse on Cape D'Aguiar was lit for the first time on April 16th, 1875.

less amounts paid out to the winners of the Scholarships.

#### General Account.

The balance at credit of the Society now stands at \$1,232.97 to which must be added the sum of \$10,000 invested in 6% Hongkong Government Public Works Loan, whilst \$500 in 5% War Loan 1928-1947 is held for account of the late J. R. M. Smith Scholarship Fund.

The sum of \$1,003.07 was expended during the year in assisting distressed Scotsmen.

The annual Ball was held in the City Hall, on Wednesday, 30th November, and Robert Burns' Birthday was celebrated at the Volunteer Headquarters.

The late J. R. M. Smith Scholarship was won this year by Elizabeth Lee McCubbin, and the amount of \$117.33 appears under disbursements.

Your Committee deeply regret to record the deaths of Messrs. J. G. Garraway and D. W. G. Gerrard. Seventy-nine new members were enrolled during the year whilst 18 were made life members, and subscriptions collected amounted to \$1,674.00. The Committee would again invite the aid of all members in bringing forward new names. All Scots in the Colony should make it their duty to become Members of the Society.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. E. D. Black to whom our thanks are due.

## KOWLOON SNATCHING.

### EUROPEAN LADY VICTIMISED BY CHINESE.

Mrs. Withers, residing at Gun Club Hill, Kowloon, was the victim of a snatching incident while she was walking in Nathan Road yesterday evening, as a result of which she lost her handbag containing \$15.50 while the thief succeeded in escaping.

The victimised lady was walking along by Rose Terrace, shortly after seven o'clock when a Chinese came up from behind and snatched her bag, which she was carrying under her arm at the time. The man immediately turned tail and ran away. He disappeared down one of the side streets and, up to noon to-day, no arrest had been effected.

At the Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. R. E. Lindell found that there was a case against Leung Wai, charged with kidnapping an aged villager, whose extradition is applied for by the Canton authorities. An order for the commitment of the accused to await extradition was made.

## The Very Idea!

Are you a Glozelian? If so life still holds for you plenty of excitement. At this season of peace and goodwill the Glozelians and the sceptics who declare that marvellous prehistoric finds at Glozel are nothing but faked trash are badly in each other's hair and accusations of deliberate bad faith are flying about like snowflakes in a blizzard. It only remains for the antagonists to repeat the sad history of "the vow that broke up our Society upon the Stahlelaus," as recorded by Truthful James. A stone bearing the drawing of a reindeer—genuine or otherwise—might prove as effective a weapon as the historic chunk of Old Red Sandstone.

"I said 'Find Ronnie!' and the dog immediately led me into a copple in Hadley Woods, where I found my brother, dressed in a bathing costume, hanging from a tree by a dog chain." This story was related by Herbert Benton at the inquest at New Barnet on his brother, Ronald Ernest Benton, aged 17, of Woodville-road, New Barnet. The dog had been out with his brother and had returned alone. It seemed very restless and kept running to the door until Mr Benton followed it. The jury returned a verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind, brought about by the worry of unemployment.

A doctor says that women never talk in their sleep.

While more men do, the fair sex don't. Soliloquies, in phrases odd, When at their will, as is their wont, They drift into the Land of Nod.

They do not blurt out bits of "rot" Or murmur secrets in the night (A sign, perhaps, that men have not Such capable digestions quite).

Women, in short, have naught to say When fast asleep, as oft have men— Which is as it should be, for they Must have a break just now and then!

Felix, apparently eager to display his prowess as a mouse, had laid his first victim lifeless at the feet of his new mistress, Pamela (aged 7) curiously studied the prize for a few moments, and asked:

"Where is the other part, Mother?" "What other part?" asked Mother. "The part that makes it go."

East Ham man: I asked him to make me a suit of clothes, at a reasonable price, and now they would only fit a boy. Tailor: Boy's price.

Thames Court solicitor: We are told that in the next world there will be no marriage or giving in marriage. Mr. Cairns, magistrate: That is why it is called Paradise.

Solicitor at Mansfield (to woman): I am obliged for your answer. Woman: Then I am sorry, I spoke.

A coloured man stated at the Thames Court that he was robbed of 2s. 6d. while selling "mascots" which brought "good luck."

Maid—"The furniture man is here."

Mistress—"I'll see him in a minute. Tell him to take a chair."

Maid—"I did, but he said he would start with the piano and radio."

A proposal to establish camel rides for the entertainment of residents and visitors at Brighton has been made to the authorities. The camels, it was stated, would be equipped and attended by native drivers, exactly as they are at the Pyramids, and the drivers would be under the control of a shepherd, who is one of the most popular guides in Egypt. The Watch Committee advises the Council not to accept the proposal.

Yesterday's return of the Medical Officer of Health contained two cases of small-pox and one of enteric fever. All were Chinese. Ten cases of infectious diseases were reported last week. Six of these were of enteric fever, two of small-pox and one each diphtheria and puerperal fever. All were Chinese with the exception of the diphtheria case, which was British. Two of the cases of enteric fever were imported. There were five deaths, from small-pox, five from enteric fever and one from puerperal fever. Eleven deaths were reported from influenza which is not notifiable.



# INDO-CHINA'S NEW GOVERNOR.

HIGH TRIBUTES TO M. PIERRE PASQUIER.

PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE OF COUNTRY & PEOPLE.

SAIGON GRATIFIED.

Commenting on the appointment of M. Pasquier to the Governorship-General of French Indo-China, the *Impartial* of Saigon says:

"As the announcement has been officially confirmed, it cannot but be received by the Colony with complete satisfaction."

"It would be puerile to introduce M. Pasquier to residents of Indo-China. Entering the administration of this Colony on November 1, 1898, M. Pasquier, who graduated from the Colonial School, has shaped a career which is almost entirely spent in this Colony. He has given proof, in all the posts which he has been called upon to take up, of qualities for organization, method and intelligence which earned for him promotion, in 1919, to the high post of Resident Superior of Annam, retaining the high functions connected with this office until the day when the return to France of M. Varenne permitted him to take for the first time the reins of government of this Colony, as Acting Governor-General from October, 1926 to May, of the following year."

Promoted Governor.

"Then, from June of the same year, with the return of M. Varenne, he was promoted to the grade of Governor, of the first class, in the Colonial List, and appointed Director of the Economic Agency of Indo-China, discharging the functions of the latter post with an efficiency and conscientiousness which won for him the recognition of Indo-Chinese residents."

"Indo-China has reason to congratulate itself over the appointment of M. Pasquier to the supreme post of the country, for it has in the new Governor-General a man possessing highly administrative abilities, to which is added a profound knowledge of the needs of the country. From the first day of his sojourn in this Colony, many years ago, M. Pasquier has always shown a desire to penetrate the mentality of the natives and to intimately understand that mentality in the light thrown by the past history of the country."

Patient Study.

"He has studied patiently, and with a minuteness worthy of the humanitarians whose works have made their subjects famous to other countries, the economic and political organization of the Empire of Annam."

"The esteem which the natives themselves have for M. Pasquier, administrator and sympathetic writer of *The Annam of Former Times*, is a further guarantee that in M. Pasquier, Indo-China possesses a Governor-General who knows the Colony better and more profoundly than any of his predecessors and in whom our native proteges will find a Governor who is just and competent."

Apparently anticipating that the policy of the new Governor-General would be in direct contrast to his Socialist predecessor, the *Impartial* goes on to say:

"The policy of Mr. Pasquier as regards problems concerning the native population will not be formed in a groping way, with hasty decisions and retractions. Evidence given by such experience coupled with energetic action as has been shown by M. Pasquier has entirely assured us, on a question which occupies a first place amongst the many important problems, concerning this country requiring immediate attention."

"We are not forgetful of the fact that our new Governor-General is also interested in the many important economic and financial problems the solution of which is being awaited by the country. As Acting Governor-General in the interim of 1927, M. Pasquier has studied the monetary situation of Indo-China and the possibilities of effecting fundamental reforms, notably in the direction of stabilizing the Indo-Chinese piastre."

Mr. Herbert Davey has been appointed Recorder of Dudley to succeed the late Mr. J. B. Mathewson, K.C. Mr. Herbert Davey was called to the Bar in 1897 and is Recorder of Wensley. Mr. J. B. Mathewson, whom he now succeeds, was found shot in the gun-room of his shooting-box at Rhydd, near Worcester, on August 5.

# CHIANG KAI-SHEK IN NANKING.

MARSHAL LI TO FOLLOW BY NIGHT TRAIN.

ALL EYES ON CAPITAL.

Shanghai, Sept. 18. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek left for Nanking this morning but contrary to anticipation he was not accompanied by any of the Moderate leaders. It is stated that the rest of the party, Marshal Li Chai-sum, General Chen Ming-shiu and Messrs. Hu Han-min, Chang Ching-kiang, Li Shih-tseng, Tai Chi-tao and Wu Te-chen are leaving some time this evening.

Mr. Tai Chi-tao, the Chancellor of the Sun Yat-sen University, Canton, has indicated that he will proceed to Nanking with the Li Chai-sum party but intends to return to Canton after the preliminary conferences in Nanking. He says that he will not assume any important post in the Central Government, but desires to continue his educational work in Kwangtung.

Shanghai, Sept. 18. The reconstruction of the Central Government and the abolition of the Provincial Political Councils are now regarded as merely a matter of time. The reconstruction plan has been drafted and will be announced shortly, while the work connected with the dissolution of the Provincial Political Councils has already commenced.

Sun Fo Returning.

Mr. Sun Fo has wired to Mr. Hu Han-min announcing his arrival in Shanghai from America on Friday. It is reported that a number of the C.E.C. Commissioners will postpone their trip to Nanking to await Mr. Sun Fo's return.

Upset?

Shanghai, Sept. 18. It is stated that two Leftist members of the C.E.C., Messrs. Chan Ku-fu and Ting Wei-fung, will cause all political activities shortly through apparently they have no intention of resigning.

Sun Chuan-fang Plotting?

Nanking, Sept. 18. Marshal Feng Yu-shiang has telegraphed to the Military Council stating that he has received reliable information from Shantung to the effect that General Sun Chuan-fang, the former Northern leader is now in Tsinanfu, plotting with a number of military officers including General Ma Liang, with the intention of organizing irregulars in Shantung to create trouble.

Political Activity.

Nanking, Sept. 19. Political circles are showing renewed activity with the arrivals of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. Immediately on his arrival, Marshal Chiang had a conference with Mr. Tan Yen-kai, the Chairman of the Political Council.—*Reuter*.

Fengtien Triumph.

Mukden, Sept. 18. General Yang Yu-ting reports that the Chihli-Shantung forces, after some days' fighting, have surrendered and are now being disarmed.—*Reuter*.

Fengtien Wounded.

Shanghai, Sept. 18. Reports from North China state that twenty-five car loads of Fengtien wounded passed through Chingwangtao to Mukden. Further fighting is going on at Anshan between Fengtien troops and the Chihli-Shantung forces. The commanding appears to be General Chingwangtao. Most of the foreigners and all the women have been evacuated from Shanhaikwan.—*Reuter*.

Reverse not Serious.

Shanghai, Sept. 18. The Kuo Min News Agency's Correspondent in Mukden wires that upon the receipt of the news of the unexpected Fengtien reverse, General Chang Hsueh-liang telegraphed to General Yang Yu-ting to rush reinforcements to Changli at all costs. It adds that Chang Hsueh-liang has wired to General Pei Chung-hai that the Fengtienites are capable of disposing of the Chihli-Shantung remnants without assistance from Pei Chung-hai and declaring that the reverse sustained by his subordinates was not serious.

It goes on to state the belief that prevails that Pei Chung-hai has withdrawn his forces to the left bank of the Luanho in order to allow Chang Hsueh-liang a free hand.—*Reuter*.

Foreign Troops.

Tientsin, Sept. 18. In connexion with the reduction of the American forces in China, the first batch of 350 Marines and Artillery left for Tongku by lighter this evening and are joining the transport Henderson. The troops left from the British Bund where a large British and American crowd gave them a hearty send-off.—*Reuter*.

# CORRECT CAR HIRE IN DISPUTE.

MR. SHANK CHARGES PUBLIC VEHICLE DRIVER.

KOWLOON TONG TRIP.

Mr. E. D. Shank, of the Hongkong Excavation, Pike Driving and Construction Company, Ltd., appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning as complainant against a public motor car driver who was charged with refusing to accept a fare when disengaged at the Kowloon Ferry shortly after 12 o'clock last night.

Defendant said that complainant wanted to hire a car to take him to Kowloon Tong for \$1, whereas the fare he demanded was \$1.80.

In reply to his Worship, Inspector Spear said there were no fixed rates for public cars, but each journey was charged according to arrangements between the fare and the driver.

Complainant, in evidence, said he did not refuse to pay \$1.80. He said that he did not know how much English the defendant understood but he denied that he bargained with the driver.

Defendant recalled an incident on Saturday last when the complainant telephoned from the Kowloon Cricket Club for a motor car to take him to Kowloon Tong. Defendant answered the call and waited for 35 minutes before the complainant appeared. Mr. Shank paid only \$1 on arrival at his house.

Mr. Shank said he could not remember the incident. He had never had a driver complain about insufficient fare.

Defendant again said he refused to take the complainant because they could not come to terms. His Worship pointed out that defendant had his redress if the proper fare was not paid either on the previous occasion or this morning. The case was adjourned for the attendance of a folk who was with defendant.

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OT to Nanking.

Shanghai, Sept. 18. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek proceeded to Nanking this morning, but the other Kuomintang leaders are remaining in Shanghai to meet Mr. Sun Fo, who is due on September 21, on the Empress of Canada.—*Reuter*.

Chairman Installed.

Poochow, Sept. 18. Admiral Yang Shu-chwang was installed as chairman of the Fukien Provincial Government yesterday morning.—*Reuter*.



"If I was you I'd put me dollar in that bank; I met the President and he's a square shooter."

# THE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC.

TRIBUTES PAID TO WORK OF WOMEN POLICE.

AUSTRALIA SUCCESS.

London, Sept. 18. Speaking in the Assembly of the League of Nations, in a debate on the report of the Fifth Committee regarding the white slave traffic, Lord Cushendun, the British representative, emphasised the importance of the subject. He strongly supported the unanimous opinion of the experts who constituted the Committee, condemning the licensed house system. He also endorsed the recommendation of the Committee that stricter measures should be taken against men who lived on the immoral earnings of women. Such men, he said, deserved no mercy.

Lord Cushendun warmly supported the recommendations of the Committee favouring the employment of women police to prevent the white slave traffic and to protect the morals of young people. He recalled that he had been one of the first to propose the employment of women police.

Mrs. Ethel McDonnell mentioned that women police in Australia had achieved a wonderful success. They patrolled in the working and shipping centres and were never molested.—*British Wireless*.

# HAWKER FINED.

POLICE GRUDGE STORY NOT BELIEVED.

When charged before Major C. Wilson at the Police Court, this morning, with hawking without a licence, a Chinese denied the offence and stated that the Indian policeman who arrested him was anxious to secure a case at his expense.

Replying to a question from the Bench, defendant said that at the time he was lighting a cigarette, but had hardly put the cigarette into his mouth when the Indian rushed up to him from a great distance, wrapped his arms around him, and accused him of hawking. The prosecuting police officer said that the man's case was that the two fruit trays which had been taken to the Police Station from the spot did not belong to him. They were too valuable, however, to be left unclaimed for long, and he expected to lay his hands on the actual culprit when a claim was made.

His Worship found the offence proved, and on being informed that the defendant had had a previous conviction of a similar nature, imposed a fine of \$5.

# THE HONEYMOON MURDER.

SPEECH BY COUNSEL FOR DEFENCE.

"SUSPICION, CONJECTURE & SURMISE."

ACQUITTAL PLEA.

A strong plea for the acquittal of Chung Yi Miao, the young Chinese law student, was made on the final day of the Police Court proceedings at Kewick when he was charged with the murder of his wife, by defending counsel, Mr. Theisger.

Mr. Theisger, addressing the Court on behalf of the accused, submitted that, although the quantity of the evidence was very great, there was no case on which they could possibly commit the accused on a charge of murder. Mr. Cohen had remarked that that was not a trial but an investigation. It was a preliminary hearing after the police had been investigating for six weeks, during which time the accused alone had been in custody upon the charge.

The Slater Case.

The quantity of evidence before them was the total result of six weeks' hard work on the part of the police directed solely against the accused. There was no coincidence in this case he could not resist mentioning when they were dealing with circumstantial evidence. There was the quashing of a conviction in Scotland 18 years too late of a man called Slater. Anyone who studied that case would remember a coincidence in regard to the question of jewellery. Slater was hunted down at once by the police because on the day after the murder he had pawned a brooch exactly like the one missing from the house. It was then discovered that the brooch had been in his possession for several months. The first point on which the prosecution had so much stress in this case was the question of rings.

They had heard from Dr. Crawford to what extent that assisted the case. As Dr. Crawford said, those rings might have been taken off some hours before the accused's wife died. They would not have been left openly upon the table in the boarding house. They were probably taken off when she had a wash after lunch and eventually, left in some place of concealment, so that they might well have been found in her own suit case. Then the prosecution had laid stress on the fact that she could only have had one pearl necklace, because the insurance policy mentioned only one. When they compared that insurance policy with the list of jewels found in the jewel case they would find there was a whole mass of jewellery that was not mentioned in the insurance policy. There were two pearl necklaces among the jewellery.

Bona Fide Mistake?

Regarding the alleged remark by the accused about knickers, he wanted the Bench to see that a Cumberland constable, speaking for the first time in his life to a Chinaman speaking English with a New York accent and with a bad cold in his head might have made a perfectly honest mistake. There had been a bona-fide mistake dangerous to justice. Then in regard to the evidence of Detective Pendlebury, he did not shrink from the opportunity of seeing there was a bruise on the ring finger of the deceased woman, which did not deceive the eye of the doctor. He did not fail to notice that there was a man going down the road with a pale face. If he had stayed a little longer in the box, he would have told them that he had seen an obvious murderer hurrying from the scene of his crime!

To talk about seeing the pale face of a Chinaman whom he was seeing for the first time was a little difficult to believe. The prosecution had looked for footprints and had found none. There was no blood on the man's clothes and none on the handbag he was alleged to have taken away from the scene of the crime. The prosecution had been successful in establishing an alibi for the accused man for the whole of the day with the exception of an hour and 15 minutes, between 2.45 p.m. and 4 p.m. The evidence of Miss Crossley and the maids and others was utterly inconsistent with the suggestion of the prosecution that the accused was walking up and down that road with two lengths of cord in his pocket ready to strangle his wife. The prosecution's own evidence on that point was utterly inconsistent with a carefully premeditated and brutally executed crime.

The Ws to the Bathroom.

With regard to the statement that the accused had walked an unusual number of times between his bedroom and the bathroom, he suggested that the evidence had gradually dwindled away and that he only walked to the bathroom twice. When he returned to the

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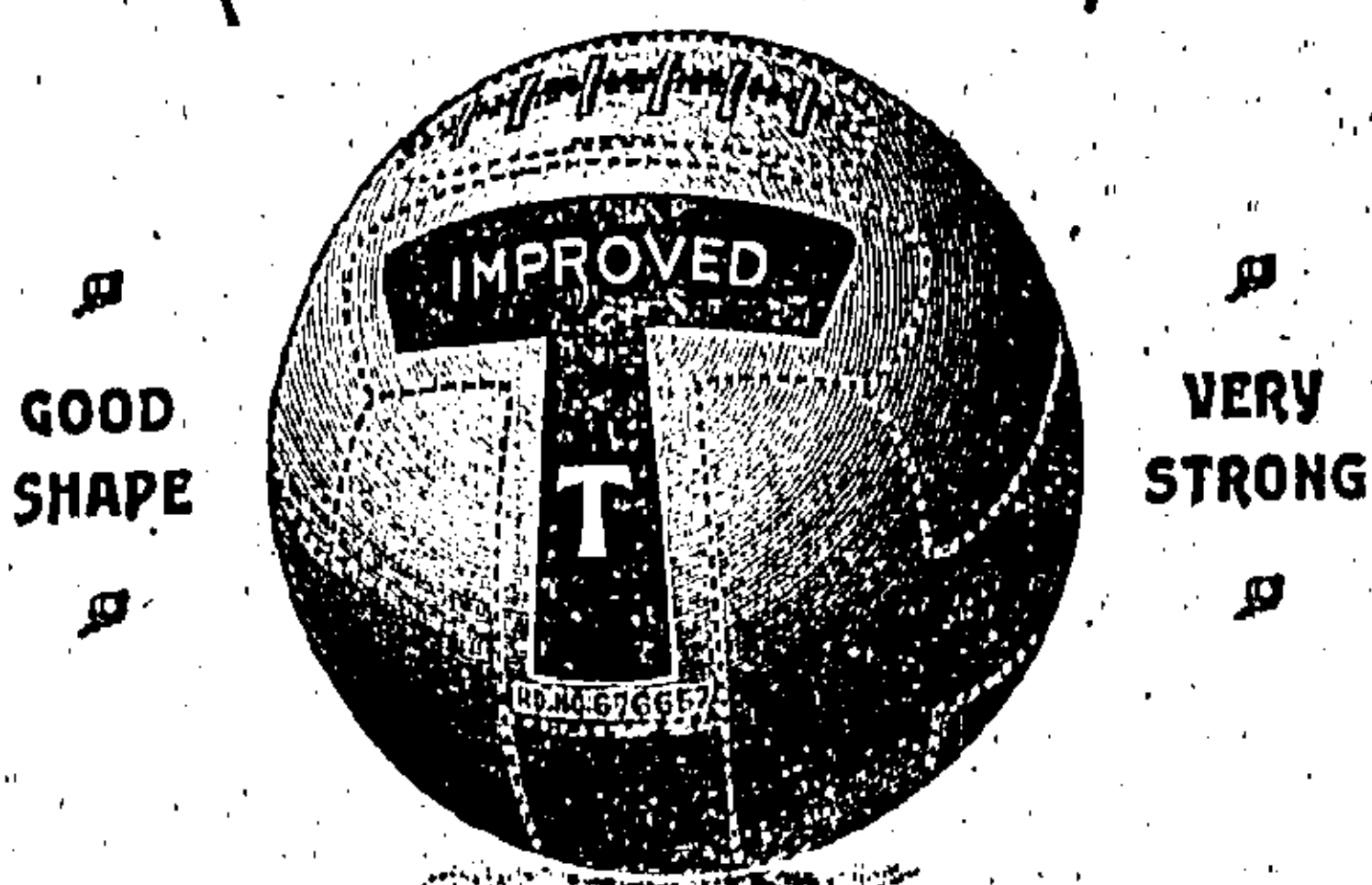
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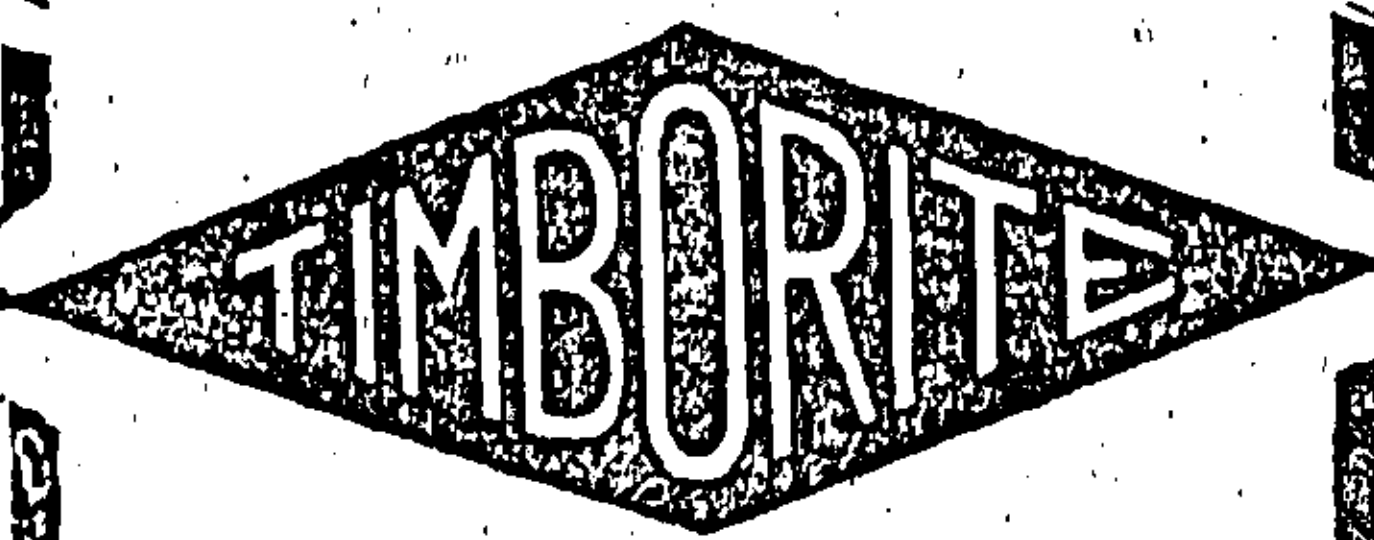
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## THE WORLD OF SPORT

### CRICKET NOTES.

#### PROSPECTS OF SENIOR DIVISION TEAMS.

[By "Legs."]

League fixtures have not yet been compiled and very little has been gleaned from the friendly matches over the week-end, but it is evident that local cricketers are gradually shaking off their summer lethargy. The University, Kowloon C.C., Indian A. C. and a few members of the Hongkong C. C. teams have got going and the form displayed by some of the more prominent exponents is indeed encouraging.

After their one year's respite, the premier Cricket Club (H.K.C.C.) will enter into their League matches with renewed energy. With practically all their best players still available, they can be depended upon to make a serious bid for the senior championship. Pearce is away from the Colony, but Bowker, who came a cropper in a rugged scramble last winter, has completely recovered from his injuries and hopes to regain his deadly pace with the ball as the season progresses. With Hayward, Owen Hughes, Parker, the evergreen Hancock, and the probable inclusion of the Rev. E. Quick, they will have the nucleus of an exceedingly strong side.

Last year's champions, the University, are looking forward to another successful season as they will again have a very evenly-balanced eleven. With a composition of youthful and active players they will be well advised to concentrate on their fielding and endeavour once again to check the running up of high scores against them. I hear, however, that A. A. Rumjahn will not be turning out regularly, as he will very likely be "swotting" for his final exam. If this information turns out to be correct, the "Varsity XI" will be considerably weakened as Rumjahn has been the backbone of the side, so to speak, for the last five years.

Kowloon C. C. has suffered the loss of one of their most prominent players in the person of J. C. Lyni who has left the Colony for good. Bruce, Ramsay, the Fincher brothers, Goodwin, Lawrence and Jex, however, are determined to keep the flag flying.

Some of the Indian R. C. players are already showing splendid form and the side has been hard at practice for fully three weeks. They expect to be on top form by the beginning of October, but I would not tip them for championship honours because of their common falling to go all to pieces after a couple of reverses. Another drawback with them is that they will have to rely on practically the same set of players who did duty for the last four seasons and more, and whose style of play has become so well known to opposing sides.

A weak team, still more depleted, Civil Service will have a problem to be able to field a decent eleven. Hamilton, a useful change bowler, is not expected back until about Christmas time, so that Ling, Evans and Baker will probably find themselves overworked. In batting, they will have to depend largely on Sayer, de Rome and possibly Sutherland.

Craigengower, are hoping to be able to get together a fairly even side, but are not likely to reach far. For quite a few seasons now, they have found it extremely difficult to get up just one team, but I notice they have also entered a junior XI this time, so that it seems they might have something "up their sleeves" after all. Chinese R. C. will probably have the assistance of several budding youngsters, fresh from their school triumphs, and under the guidance of Ng See-kuang, Harry Ching, Choa and Co. they might surprise some of the stronger teams when it is least expected of them.

The Royal Artillery will not be seriously reckoned with, but in Lt. Musson they will have at least one outstanding player in their ranks. The Royal Navy, as ever, are an unknown quantity, on account of the movements of the ships in port. They must never be taken too lightly, however, as whenever one of the bigger cruisers is in harbour, the Silent Service can be depended upon to give a good account of themselves.

Twenty-three valuable booklets, dealing with tablets and monuments in Worcester Cathedral, have been stolen by visitors to the cathedral.

### TENNIS IN CANTON.

#### START OF THE LEAGUE TOURNEY.

Shameen, Sept. 17. The first round of the Canton Tennis League Association was played off on Saturday. The weather was cool and the games were much enjoyed by players and spectators alike. Some very good tennis was seen and some close matches resulted.

As far as can be judged at present, the winners should be amongst the Lingnam C. (the faculty of the Lingnam University), the Canton Dragons (Canton Citizen Athletic Association), Japanese A. (Japanese Tennis Club) and Shameen A. (Shameen Lawn Tennis Club); of which the first two are probably those with the best chance of carrying off the cup presented by the British-American Tobacco Company for the present season.

Saturday's results were as follows:  
Played on the Shameen Lawn Tennis Club's ground, (grass).—Shameen A. 3, Japanese B., 2.  
Played on the Shameen Lawn Tennis Club's ground, (grass).—Shameen D., 0; Canton Dragons, 5.  
Played on the Canton Citizen Athletic Association ground (en-tout-cas).—Canton Tigers, 5; Lingnam B., 0.  
Played on the Returned Student Club's ground (en-tout-cas).—Returned Students, 0; Lingnam C., 5.

Played on the Lingnam University ground (en-tout-cas).—Lingnam A., 4; Shameen B., 1.  
Played on the Japanese Tennis Club's ground (en-tout-cas).—Japanese A., 3; Mr. G. W. Greene's Team, 2.

Played on the Tungshan Garden Club's ground (cement).—The Tungshan Garden Club (German Club), 5; Shameen C., 0.  
—Our Own Correspondent.

### INTERPORT BOWLERS RETURN.

#### "JUST LIKE ONE HAPPY FAMILY."

The Hongkong Interport bowlers arrived back in the Colony this morning aboard the s.s. Linan, after a somewhat long voyage from Shanghai. After leaving Shanghai on the 13th instant, they had to anchor at the mouth of the Yangtze for 27 hours in order to shelter from the typhoon which visited the region last week-end.

The members of the team returning by the Linan were Messrs. A. M. Holland (captain), J. C. Brown, A. Chapman, W. Mair and J. Liang. The team brought with them the Prentice Cup, which, for the first time in Interport bowls history, had been won by Hongkong at Shanghai.

Interviewed, Mr. Holland said the team had had a most enjoyable time in Shanghai, where everyone had treated them right royally. As for the Hongkong team, they were just like one happy family, and the team-work at the Interport and other matches was excellent.

Mr. A. Grimmit, the other member of the team, arrived here on Friday by the s.s. President Grant.

It is expected that members of the Hongkong team will be the guests of bowlers of the Colony at a dinner to be held on the 29th instant.

### LOCAL FOOTBALL.

#### ASSOCIATION COUNCIL TO MEET.

A meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association is to be held at the Chaplain's Hut, Seaside Point, on Tuesday evening at 5.30 p.m.

The business will include making of the draw for the Lai Wah Cup Competition.

### FANLING GOLF.

#### THREE PLAYERS TIE IN THE BOGEY POOL.

There were thirty three entries in the bogey pool at Fanling, last week-end. The following three players tied, all square, and divide the prize: L. G. S. Dowdell (5), A. E. Lissaman (6) and N. G. Mills (18). Scores of 1 down were returned by the following: F. A. Redmond (6), R. H. Hollis (9), N. K. Littlejohn (18) and E. J. Edwards (17).

### THE PREMIER AS PARIS SEES HIM.

#### THE SIR BALDWIN CHEZ LUL.

To Frenchmen England is still a maze of enigmas, and one of the greatest of the puzzles Albion presents to foreigners at the present time is her Prime Minister.

"Lord Stanley," "Sir Baldwin," "M. Baldwin,"—sometimes they are not quite sure what his real title is.

So the *Petit Parisien* has sent one of the foremost French journalists, M. Henri Beraud, to see No. 10 greatly surprised the visitor.

As though you were calling at an ordinary bourgeois house, you rang at a little low door, where there is a polished knocker and a lamp.

A valet opens it. There is no functionary, nobody armed with a sword, no sentry-box, not even a policeman!

M. Beraud thought of the stiff sentinel guarding Mr. Tschitcherine's residence, of the gloomy prefects outside Sir Mussolini's door, and of the "Pickelhauben" of the Wilhelm-strasse.

Like a Rustic City Man, "Installed 'In the Cabinet room,'" M. Beraud meets a simply-dressed pleasant man, not a bit theatrical (the Parisian is obviously still thinking of Mussolini) with a "homey democratic pipe" in his left hand and holding out his right hand in welcome.

"He pushes a chair towards me," says M. Beraud, "and asks my permission to fill up and smoke his little pipe; and so, surrounded by clouds of tobacco smoke, I observed the man who governs earth's greatest Empire."

"He is plebeian, almost rustic, with a well-formed nose, roguish, stoutly built and of good humour. He looks at me with a look full of humour and attention."

"As we talk he smiles at me from every angle of his elastic physiognomy, like one of those fortunate city men behind a polished counter and under beams of oak."

Is it Carlyle or Dickens? According to M. Beraud, Mr. Baldwin has "a magnificent forehead, the forehead of Carlyle, and the honest, gay bourgeois visage of Dickens."

He has, too, the high ideals of President Wilson. He wishes to better men without annoying them; he wants a society in his image full of hominism and of reflection. He is said to be a poet; he is, he is, too, an artist.

Is he not the nephew of Bourne Jones and a cousin-german of Rudyard Kipling?

He is an industrial, without living among figures and diagrams. He reads Greek and Latin at sight, without being a pedant.

Monsieur Baldwin adores country life, long walks and health fatigue, and he is not above reading a detective novel.

He is a patriot, a believer in authority, yet very mindful of the prerogatives of Parliament.

Memories. What ease is in his robust figure! His hands are like those of a sculptor; but it is his eyes which show you best the movements of his mind.

He speaks of those who died in the war. Lately he visited their graves, and it is said that he knows all the cemeteries in France's Northern fields.

He adds, throwing back his head: "There are graves of English soldiers at Boulogne beside the Napoleon Column."

### LOCKED OUT OF LODGINGS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

the police and also the bailiffs of the Supreme Court. They also eventually went to Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist. Finding, however, that that firm was acting for Mrs. Young, they consulted Messrs. Deacons.

Mr. and Mrs. Howarth paid the \$32.50 under protest, and, after a lot of trouble, they got their luggage back on the morning of August 29. At the same time it was intimated to them that they were not wanted back for the two remaining days of the month, so they went elsewhere.

Mr. Macnamara added that the \$32.50 had since been returned by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist.

Mr. D'Almada remarked that the money had been returned without his consent.

#### The Legal Aspect.

Concluding, Mr. Macnamara touched on points of law. He said he would argue that, in the first place, no distress warrant was ever taken out. Also, it was a case concerning a simple lodging house and not a keeper's house, so there was no right to have any lien on the goods of a lodger.

The sum claimed by Mrs. Young was not rent or in the nature of rent. If it was anything, it was in the nature of damages for breach of contract which could only be obtained by a civil action. She was, therefore, absolutely unjustified in keeping the plaintiffs out of premises for which they had paid rent, and she was perfectly unjustified in seizing their goods. He submitted that her conduct would seriously aggravate the case against her.

#### Threat of Warrant.

Mrs. M. Howard gave evidence bearing out Mr. Macnamara's opening statement. She said that when she refused to pay the \$32.50, Mrs. Young threatened to take a warrant out. When they were locked out on the morning of August 28, they were unable to change their clothes until mid-day on the following day, through being deprived of their luggage.

Her husband asked Mrs. Young for their luggage, but she replied that they could not have it until the money had been paid. She also said that she had a distress warrant against them.

Plaintiff further said that they had to cancel their journey to Australia because they could not get their luggage and because they had to do certain business before going, which they were unable to do. They went to live at the Palace Hotel on August 29 and were staying there until the 28th of this month, having paid \$200 in advance.

Cross-examined by Mr. D'Almada, plaintiff said that when the arrangements were made, her husband was present, but Mrs. Young was in the dining room. The arrangements were not discussed in the dining room.

#### General Bathroom.

The bathroom was supposed to be private, but in fact it was a general bathroom. If she had known that the bathroom was not private, she would certainly not have taken the rooms. She did not make any complaint, because she was soon leaving.

Plaintiff denied that the agreement was for a monthly tenancy.

### DEFENCES OF INDO-CHINA.

#### URGENT NEED OF EXPENDITURE.

Paris, Aug. 30. In introducing the 1929 Budget, M. Poincaré, Minister of Finance, stated:

"For the Colonial Department, financial sacrifices will be made so that the defences of Indo-China, which as a question superseding all others, may be reinforced and that the Colony may receive, with the least possible delay, the armament which is indispensable to its protection and security."

"Other proposed measures will be, above all things, exerted in the direction of improving the material lot of the natives of the Colonies incorporated under our flag, as much from the viewpoint of food as from that of clothing and bedding."—Indo-pactif.

### BALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

#### FILIPINOS AND DRAGONS MEETING TO-DAY.

The line-up for the Championship game at 5 p.m. to-day at Happy Valley between the Filipino Club and the South China Dragons will be as follows:

Hachiuma	c. Lee, S. S.
Zafra	p. Lee, S. S.
1st	T. Chian
2nd	W. Sling
3rd	S.S. Choy
4th	3rd. Juno
5th	D. Chian
6th	C.F. Shinn
7th	R.F. H. Sling

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has graciously signified his intention of being present.

or that Mrs. Young mentioned, when discussing the arrangements, that she would require a month's notice or rent in lieu of notice.

When Mr. D'Almada suggested that Mrs. Young had given up her opening private bedroom and bathroom for her (plaintiff's) accommodation, Mrs. Howarth replied that she did not.

Mr. D'Almada—Actually Mrs. Young did buy this chest of drawers for you and that was because you had agreed to a tenancy from month to month?—No.

Replying to further questions, Mrs. Howarth said that the arrangements also included her husband. Plaintiff asserted that Mrs. Young did say she would take out a warrant. Their luggage was composed of four trunks and six suit cases. Although that luggage was packed on August 17, they did not intend to leave on that day.

Not Convenient. Mr. D'Almada:—It would have been quite possible to have got your luggage on board between August 29 and 31.—It may have been, but it was not convenient. Could you tell us why the Palace Hotel made you pay in advance?—Because it suited me.

Corroborative evidence was given by Mr. Howarth, who said that when he went to the police about being locked out, he was advised to get a big hammer and smash the door in. He estimated that he was out of pocket to the extent of at least \$550 as the result of the trouble. He found that no distress warrant had been issued.

The case is proceeding.

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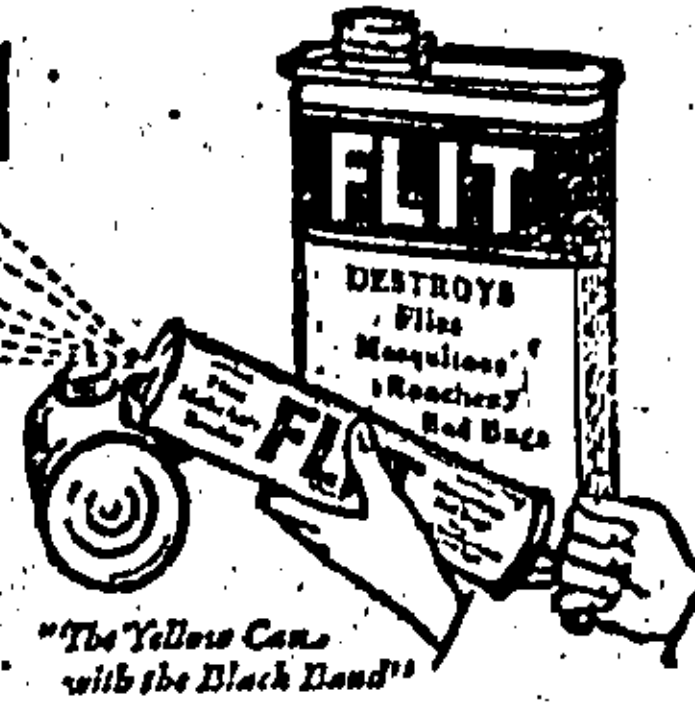
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### SHOOTING ON BOARD FRENCH STEAMER.

#### SEAMAN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Colombo, Sept. 8.

A shooting affray on board a French steamer, which arrived in Colombo Harbour yesterday, was described in the Colombo Police Court this afternoon.

Chief Inspector Ashton, of the Harbour Police, produced Delanné, a member of the crew of the Star Liner Bougainville,

having arrested him on a provisional warrant, and moved that he be remanded in custody for 14 days to enable proceedings to be taken for the accused, a French subject, to be extradited to France on a charge of the attempted murder of A. Moraux, the boatwain of the ship on September 1st.

Capt. R. Le Rohellec, of the s.s. Bougainville, giving evidence, said that on September 1st, on the high seas, at about 6.30 p.m., the accused, after a discussion with Moraux, had a fight with him and then went off.

He returned after ten minutes with a revolver and fired three

shots at Moraux. One of the shots hit Moraux in the neck. The accused was arrested and locked up; and on arrival here the injured man was sent to the General Hospital.

After the evidence of the carpenter of the ship the Magistrate made the following order: "I remand accused to the custody of the Fiscal for such a period, up to 14 days, as is required to make arrangements to extradite accused to remove him to France."

The French Consul will apply for accused's release as soon as the necessary arrangements are made.

### SUBURBAN SITES.

#### GOVERNMENT'S REGULATION OF BUILDING.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Board held in the General Post Office Building yesterday, Mr. J. P. Braga, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions relative to the development of suburban sites in the Colony:

"With reference to the leading article appearing in the South China Morning Post of the 22nd August last, regarding the development of suburban sites in the Colony, will the President please inform the Board—

I. What are the Government's intentions as to the reservation of Crown land in the vicinity of Prince Edward Road as an exclusive residential area?

II. Will the Government endeavour to present the disfigurement of that area by refusing permission for the erection of 'pigeon-hole blocks' in the midst of rural surroundings?

III. Will the Government stipulate as a 'special condition' in the general conditions of sale of Crown land abutting on Prince Edward Road that—

- no houses will be permitted of a height greater than 35 feet; and
- that open space must be reserved for the laying out of lawns or small garden patches attached to such houses?

IV. With a view to securing the aesthetic amenities of the Kowloon Tong garden city, will the intention of the Government be ascertained whether it is prepared to introduce early legislation in order to ensure that houses erected in the vicinity of the Kowloon Tong district shall conform to the type of European residential houses of a maximum height of 35 feet, with the exception of buildings for colleges and similar institutions?

The Chairman of the Board, Mr. W. J. Carr, replied as follows: These questions have been referred to the Government and I am instructed to reply as follows:

- (1) Land in the locality under reference is disposed of exclusively for residential purposes.
- (2) The answer is in the affirmative.
- (3) and (4). The points mentioned are always considered before land is put up to auction, and any necessary special requirements are included in the Conditions of Sale.

### FOOTBALL MORALS.

#### MANAGER'S RETORT TO BISHOP'S ONSLAUGHT.

London, Sept. 2.

Football morals are assailed in a letter to the Press by Bishop Weildon, who attacks the transfer system, which, he says, destroys the interest attaching to local clubs.

He draws attention to the "iniquitous practice" of bringing players to lose and the impropriety of paying amateurs on the scale of professional fees.

Mr. Chapman, the Arsenal manager, says he regards the Bishop's views on football in the same light as the Bishop would regard his (the speaker's) on theology.

He asks the Bishop for a solution of the problem of transfers, which appear to be the only way to allow a competent workman to make the best use of his talents.



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### FATAL AVIATION "STUNTING."

#### U.S. ARMY LIEUTENANT KILLED.

Los Angeles, Sept. 11.

Lieut. J. J. Williams, daring army aviator, died to-day of injuries received yesterday when he crashed while stunting in front of the grandstand at the National Air Show.

Williams was a member of the "Three Musketeers." He was stunting with the two other "Musketeers," Lieut. Irving A. Woodring and William L. Cornudas, before a crowd of 85,000 when the accident occurred. He fell 100 feet while trying to fly upside down. The cause of the crash is not definitely known, but apparently his motor failed.

### MISUSE OF POST OFFICE.

#### SHANGHAI EMPLOYEES' NEW DODGE.

Shanghai, Sept. 11.

The Chinese employees of the British supervised Shanghai Chinese Post Office Department have been surreptitiously using the department as a channel to further China's campaign for the abolition of "unequal treaties."

The mails have been delivered with the rear sides stamped with the slogan in both the Chinese and English languages, "abolish unequal treaties."

A departmental investigation has as yet failed to reveal the perpetrators of this method of propaganda. However, the authorities stated to-day that there was no danger of the mail service being affected.

### A GERMAN ATTEMPT.

#### BARON VON HUENEFELD ON FLIGHT TO FAR EAST.

Berlin, Sept. 18.

The German airman, Baron von Huenefeld (who crossed the Atlantic in the "Bremer"), accompanied by the Swedish engineer, M. Lindner, left for Sofia in the aeroplane "Europa," as the first stage of a flight to the Far East.

Baron von Huenefeld hopes to reach Tokyo in eight days via Sofia, Constantinople, Bagdad, Karachi, Bangkok and Nanking.

### AMOY REDS RAIDED.

#### COMMUNIST LITERATURE SEIZED BY MILITARY.

Shanghai, Sept. 18.

According to a message from Amoy, the military on the 16th inst. raided the headquarters of the supervisory committee of the Chinese Communist Party of Fokien, the members of which had been plotting a general uprising in Fokien.

A number of communists were arrested and a large quantity of communist literature was seized.

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#### CHILD STEALING.

##### RICSHA COOLIE HUSTLED INTO MARRIAGE.

As the s.s. Tai Lee, bound for Kowloon, was about to leave her berth one day last week, a woman who had gone on board with a small girl, was detained by the police and charged with kidnapping the child. When the woman appeared, on remand, before Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon, an extraordinary story was told of her duplicity which, from its involved nature, required a long investigation by the Magistrate into the intimate relations which the woman had with the father of the child.

He, a coolie who pulls a private ricksha for a living, has been a widower many years, but is comforted in possession of a grown-up son and a daughter. The boy had taken up the trade of a coolie, while the girl, who is only 11 years of age, is left at home to look after the household goods.

The elder Chan one day last week met a woman of mature years from Kowloon, and with his thoughts still cast to matrimony, was exceedingly glad to entertain from her a proposal that they should live together. With out further ceremony, she took up her abode in the man's house. Two days afterwards, she disappeared, and with her, the little daughter of the ricksha puller.

On learning the news of his return home from work, the coolie, it was said, was so stricken down that he took to his bed and wept.

The son, divining that the woman would make for the waterfront in an attempt to take the girl back with her to Kowloon, went on board the Sanning. He did not find them on board as he had expected, and went over to the Tai Lee, which was one of two steamers leaving for the Shetland capital that day. He took up a position by the gangway, and had not been long on watch before he saw the woman hurrying up the plank with the child. He seized the woman, being assisted by a fellow-lodger who had come aboard to hawk fruit.

##### Prostrated with Grief.

The ricksha coolie was questioned by the Court as to the circumstances under which he met the woman, and he declared that it was the woman who hustled

#### DUTCH PARLIAMENT.

##### QUEEN'S SPEECH TOUCHES ON TIMELY TOPICS.

Hague, Sept. 18.

In her speech from the throne on the occasion of the opening of the States General, Her Majesty, Queen Wilhelmina, said that Netherlands shipping was suffering from the surplus of tonnage on the world's market.

Her Majesty regretted that the international efforts towards the reduction of armaments had not led to more tangible results, but was gratified that international co-operation was increasing in various spheres, especially in that of economics.

Her Majesty also announced that a Bill to ratify the Kellogg Pact, wherein there was a new guarantee of the maintenance of peace, was being placed before the House shortly.—*Reuter.*

him into this second marriage. He said he was without the means to make a feast of it, and he, sympathizing, said she was not asking for anything else than what it would cost for food and clothes. She stayed with him for just two days, and then disappeared with the child. Whereat he was prostrated and took to his bed, weeping over the possibility of not seeing his child again.

Replying to the charge, the woman said it was not her intention to take the child away. She went on board the ship in order to send word back to her people in Suifu that they were not to worry about her as she had wedded the coolie.

Turning to the coolie, she upbraided him for his want of faith. "Did I not love you, otherwise why should I have consented to marry you? You had no money, and was I not willing to save you from a life spent between the shafts with the money I have?"

She reminded him of the long walks which they had together and which extended on one occasion up till three o'clock in the morning.

He was adamant, and had no further remarks to offer to this appeal. The Court found the woman guilty on the charge of child-stealing. She was sentenced to three months' hard labour.



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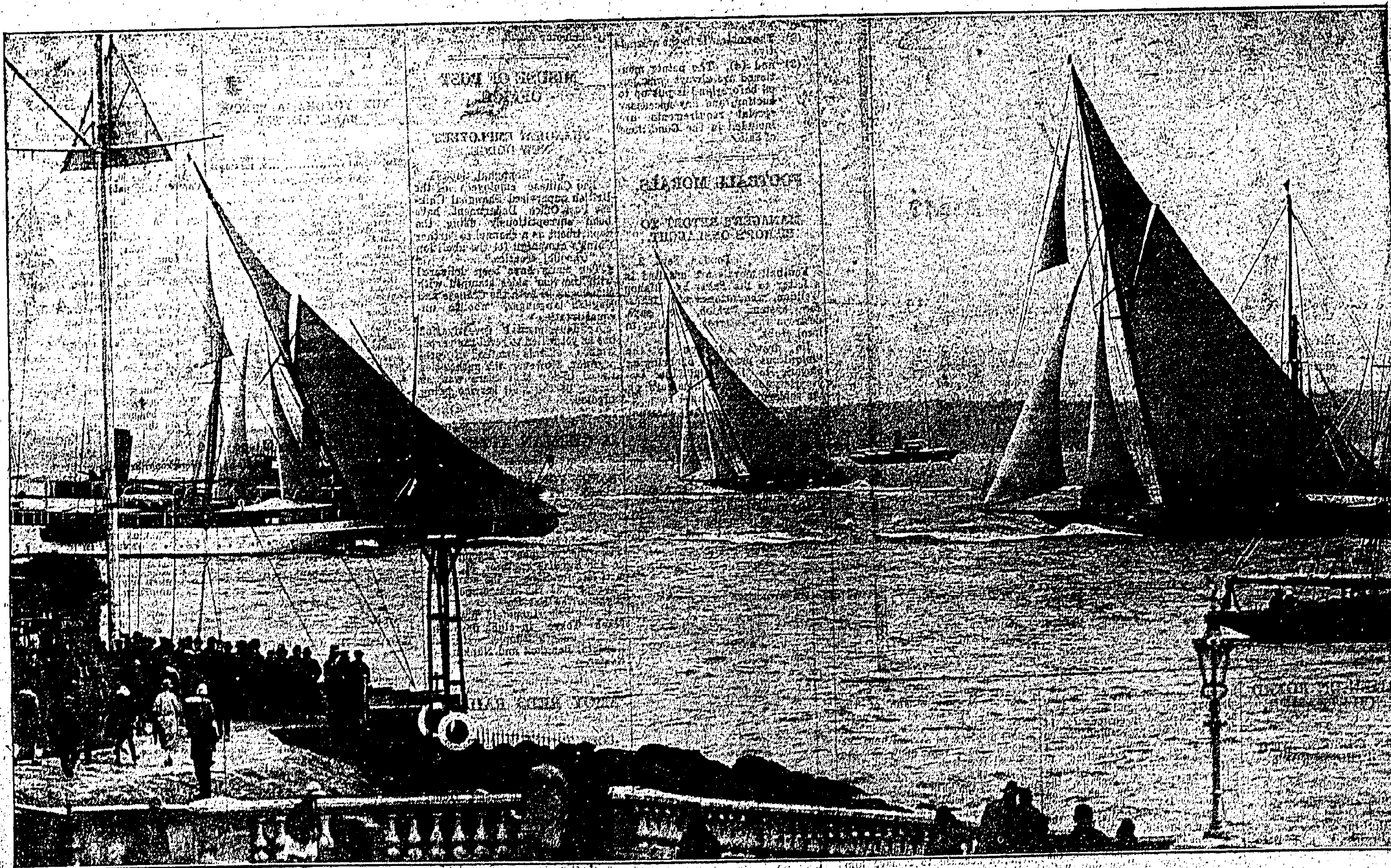
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# THE "CANARY" MURDER CASE

BY S. S. VAN DINE AUTHOR OF THE BENSON MURDER CASE

## CHARACTERS

PHILO VANCE  
JOHN F. X. MARKHAM, District Attorney of New York County  
MARGARET ODELL (THE "CANARY")  
CHARLES CLEAVER, a man-about-town  
KENNETH SPOTSWOOD, a manufacturer  
LOUIS MANNIX, an importer  
DR. AMBROISE LINDQUIST, a fashionable neurologist  
TONY SKEEL, a professional burglar  
WILLIAM ELMER JESSUP, telephone operator  
HARRY SPIVELY, telephone operator  
ERNEST HEATH, Sergeant of the Homicide Bureau

## THE STORY THUS FAR

Margaret Odell is found strangled in her apartment. Skeel's finger prints are found on the scene, but Vance believes Skeel had been hiding in a clothes closet while the girl was murdered. Mannix, Dr. Lindquist and Cleaver all had been calling on the girl, had rushed back to her door at the sound of her scream but had been reassured that everything was all right. Skeel telephoned that he will tell who committed the murder. He fails to appear, and the next day he is found strangled, evidently by the same person who had killed the "Canary."

## CHAPTER XLII

Nine o'clock the next morning found Vance at the district attorney's office. He had brought several newspapers with him, and was reading, with much amusement, the first complete accounts of Skeel's murder. Monday was generally a busy day for Markham, and he had arrived at the office before half past eight in an effort to clean up some pressing routine matters before proceeding with his investigation of the Odell case.

Heath, I knew, was to come for a conference at ten o'clock. In the meantime there was nothing for Vance to do but read the newspapers; and I occupied myself in like manner.

Punctually at ten Heath arrived, and from his manner it was plain that something had happened. To cheer him immeasurably. He was almost jaunty, and his formal self-satisfied salutation to Vance, was like that of a conqueror to a vanquished adversary. He shook hands with Markham with more than his customary punctuality.

"Our troubles are over, sir," he said, and paused to light his cigar. "I've arrested Jessup."

It was Vance who broke the dramatic silence following this astounding announcement.

"In the name of Heaven—what for?"

Heath turned deliberately, in no wise abashed by the other's tone. "For the murder of Margaret Odell and Tony Skeel."

"Oh, my aunt! Oh, my precious aunt!" Vance sat up and stared at him in amazement. "Sweet angels of Heaven, come down and solace me!"

Heath's complacency was unshaken.

"You won't need no angels, or aunts either, when you hear what I've found out about this fellow. I've got him tied up in a sack, ready to hand to the jury."

The first wave of Markham's astonishment had subsided.

"Let's have the story, Sergeant."

Heath settled himself in a chair. He took a few moments to arrange his thoughts.

"It's like this, sir. Yesterday afternoon I got to thinking. Here was Skeel murdered, same like Odell, after he'd promised to squeal; and it certainly looked as though the same guy had strangled both of 'em. Therefore, I concluded that there musta been two guys in the apartment Monday night—the Dude and the murderer—just like Mr. Vance has been saying all along."

"Then I figured that they knew each other pretty well, because not

only did the other fellow know where the Dude lived, but he musta been wise to the fact that the Dude was going to squeal yesterday."

"I looked to me, sir, like they pulled the Odell job together—which is why the Dude didn't squeal in the first place. But after the other fellow lost his nerve and threw the jewellery away, Skeel thought he'd play safe by turning state's evidence, so he phoned you."

The sergeant smoked a moment. "I never put much stock in Mannix, Cleaver and the doc. They weren't the kind to do a job like that, and they certainly weren't the kind that would be mixed up with a gashbird like Skeel."

"So I stood all three of 'em to one side, and began looking round for a bad egg—somebody who'd have been likely to be Skeel's accomplice. But first I tried to figure out what you might call the physical obstacles in the case—that is, the snags we were up against in our reconstruction of the crime."

Again he paused. "Now, the thing that's been bothering us most is that, side door. How did it get unbolted after six o'clock? Who bolted it again after the crime? Skeel musta come in by it before eleven, because he was in the apartment when Spotswoode and Odell returned from the theatre; and he probably went out by it after Cleaver had come to the apartment at about midnight."

"But that wasn't explaining how it got bolted again on the inside. Well, sir, I studied over this for a long time yesterday, and then I went up to the house and took another look at the door. Young Spively was running the switchboard, and I asked him where Jessup was, for I wanted to ask him some questions. And Spively told me he'd quit his job the day before—Saturday afternoon!"

Heath waited to let this fact sink in.

"I was on my way downtown before the idea came to me. Then it hit me sudden-like; and the whole case broke wide open—Mr. Markham, nobody but Jessup could open that side door and locked it again—nobody. Figure it out for yourself, sir—though I guess you've pretty well done it already. Skeel couldn't've done it. And there wasn't nobody else to do it."

Markham had become interested, and leaned forward.

"After this idea had hit me," Heath continued, "I decided to take a chance; so I got out the Subway at the Penn Station, and phoned. Spively for Jessup's address."

"Then I got my first good news; Jessup lived on Second Avenue, right around the corner from Skeel! I picked up a couple men from the local station, and went to his house. We found him packing up his things, getting ready to go to Dubois. We locked him up, and I took his finger-prints and sent 'em to Dubois. I thought I might get a line on him that way, because crooks don't generally begin with a job as big as the Canary row."

Heath permitted himself a grin of satisfaction.

"Well, sir, Dubois, nailed him up! His name ain't Jessup at all. The William part is all right, but his real moniker is Benton. He was convicted of assault and battery in Oakland in 1909, and served a year in San Quentin when Skeel was a prisoner there. He was also grabbed as a lookout in a bank robbery in Brooklyn in 1914, but didn't come to trial—that's how we happen to have his finger-prints at headquarters."

"When we put him on the grill last night, he said he changed his name after the Brooklyn racket, and enlisted in the army. That's all we could get outa him; but we didn't need any more. Now, here are the facts: Jessup has served time for assault and battery. He was mixed up in a bank robbery. Skeel was a fellow prisoner of his. He's got no alibi for Saturday night when Skeel was killed, and he lives found the corner. He quit his job suddenly Saturday afternoon."

"He's husky and strong and could easily have done the business. He was planning his getaway when we

grabbed him. And—he's the only person who could've unbolted and rebolted that side door Monday night. . . . Is that a case, or ain't it, Mr. Markham?"

Markham sat several minutes in thought.

"It's a good case, as far as it goes," he said slowly. "But what was his motive in strangling the girl?"

"That's easy. Mr. Vance here suggested it the first day. You remember, he asked Jessup about his feelings for Odell; and Jessup turned red and got nervous."

"Oh, Lord!" exclaimed Vance. "Am I to be made responsible for any part of this priceless lunacy?"

"True, I pried into the chap's emotions toward the lady; but that was before anything had come to light. I was being careful—tryin' to test each possibility as it arose."

"Well, that was a lucky question of yours, just the same."

Heath turned back to Markham. "As I see it: Jessup was stuck on Odell, and she told him to trot along and sell his papers. He got all worked up over it, sitting there night after night, seeing these other guys calling on her."

"Then Skeel comes along, and, recognizing him, suggests burglarizing Odell's apartment. Skeel can't do the job without help, for he has to pass the phone operator coming and going; and as he's been there before, he'd be recognized."

"Jessup sees a chance of getting even with Odell and putting the blame on some one else; so the two of 'em cook up the job for Monday night. When Odell goes out Jessup unlocks the side door, and the Dude lets himself into the apartment with his own key. Then Odell and Spotswoode arrive unexpectedly."

"Skeel hides in the closet, and after Spotswoode has gone, he accidentally makes a noise, and Odell screams. He steps out, and when she sees who he is, she tells Spotswoode it's a mistake."

"Jessup now knows Skeel has been discovered, and decides to make use of the fact. Soon after Spotswoode has gone, he enters the apartment with a pass-key. Skeel, thinking it's somebody else, hides again in the closet; and then Jessup grabs the girl and strangles her, intending to let Skeel get the credit for it. But Skeel comes out of hiding and they talk it over. Finally they come to an agreement, and proceed with their original plan to loot the place."

"Jessup tries to open the jewel-case with the poker, and Skeel finishes the job with his chisel. They then go out. Skeel leaves by the side door, and Jessup rebolts it. The next day Skeel hands the sack to Jessup to keep all things blow over; and Jessup, then they have a row. Skeel decides to tell everything, so he can get out from under; and Jessup, suspecting he's going to do it, goes round to his house Saturday night and strangles him like he did Odell."

Heath made a gesture of finality and sank back in his chair.

"Clever—deuced clever," murmured Vance. "Sergeant, I apologize for my little outburst a moment ago. Your logic is irrefragable. You've reconstructed the crime beautifully. You've solved the case. . . . It's wonderful—simply wonderful. But it's wrong."

"It's right enough to send Mr. Jessup to the chair."

"That's the terrible thing about logic," said Vance. "It so often leads one irresistibly to a false conclusion."

He stood up and walked across the room and back, his hands in his coat-pockets. When he came abreast of Heath, he halted.

"I say, Sergeant; if somebody else could have unlocked that side door, and then rebolted it again after the crime, you'd be willing to admit that it would weaken your case against Jessup—eh, what?"

Heath was in a generous mood. "Sure. Show me some one else who coulda done that, and I'll admit that maybe I'm wrong."

"Skeel could have done it, Sergeant. And he did do it—without any one knowing it."

(To be Continued.)

## THE HONEYMOON MURDER.

(Continued from Page 7.)

boarding house that afternoon, the accused chose to go in by a way exposed to every window. He was, in fact, seen by all the three people in the house. There was no evidence that he was concealing something. He had his hands on his right side, which was exposed to everybody's view. It was necessary, if possible, for the prosecution to fix the time of the murder. It was an odd coincidence that the watch had run down at a quarter to seven, which time agreed with Dr. Crawford's evidence that the murder might have taken place then, and when the accused was in Borrowdale Gates. What possible motive could be suggested? The husband and wife were on perfectly friendly terms. If he had wanted to get rid of her, could it not have been done in New York, or could he not have waited until he got to his own country; and his chance of escape would have been much easier. Instead of that, it was suggested he came to Cumberland and selected a place where he could be easily observed and pursued. He could get what money he wanted, as he had a substantial bank balance in New York. As to the accused's subsequent conduct, he said at once to Inspector Graham in the most convincing language and in broken sentences, "What, my wife dead. Me detained on suspicion." Did they believe that to be mere acting? The next day he sent wires to relatives. There was no reason why the key to the jewel case would not be concealed by the accused's wife. Was there anything more in this case than suspicion, conjecture and surmise, which would not do? He submitted that on the evidence there would be an obvious and inevitable verdict for the acquittal of the accused.

A Committal. The magistrates, without retiring, decided to commit the accused for trial at the next Carlisle Assizes, to be held in October. Standing up, in the dock, the accused exclaimed, "I did not kill my wife."

Mr. Theisger, on behalf of the accused, pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence.

Mr. Theisger intimated that there would be an application to the Home Office to have the accused removed from Preston Gaol to a prison in London, pending the trial, as the Chinese Legation and any friends he might have in England were there. He hoped the Bench would have no objection.

## RAIL QUEEN WINS FRENCH HEARTS.

FLOWERS AND PRAISE AT GARE DU NORD.

Paris, Aug. 23. Miss Mabel Kitson, the 16-year-old "railway queen" of England, received a very warm welcome in Paris when she arrived here at the Gare du Nord this morning.

She was met by a large number of railway officials, representatives of the French railway workers, journalists and photographers.

Two large bouquets—gifts of the Nord Railway and the Railway Workers' Federation—were presented to her, and for a moment the reception threatened to be formal, but Miss Kitson's smile and charming modesty soon dissipated this atmosphere.

With murmuring approvals of "charmant," "charmante," the reception committee, after presenting the flowers, hoisted her on to the locomotive, where, with the other visitors, she was photographed.

Miss Kitson was given time only briefly to explain to the reception committee and reporters her mission, and was then whisked away for a busy round of receptions and fetes which will leave her few spare moments during her stay.

First she visited the monument to the railwaymen who died in the war, where she placed a wreath. Then she was taken to a reception in her honour in the Champs Elysees.

## UNCONSCIOUS FOR 22 DAYS.

SINGAPORE VICTIM OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENT.

It was stated in the District Court at Singapore recently that a man who was removed to hospital after a traffic accident had been unconscious for twenty-two days, and was being artificially fed.

This statement was made by Chief Court Inspector Meredith in asking that the bail granted to a Chinese lorry driver who is charged with causing grievous hurt, should be raised from \$500 to \$1,000.

Inspector Meredith also said that the complainant was not expected to live.

The bail was raised as requested.

## DUKES "DUEL" WITH SON-IN-LAW.

CHASED ROUND ROOM AT DAGGER'S POINT.

Paris, Aug. 22. A "duel" of an amazing nature took place in the house in a fashionable quarter of Paris of the Duke Zelic Miloch, whose family once reigned in Bosnia, and one of whose ancestors was Bosnian ambassador to France when Napoleon I. was Emperor.

According to the duke's story, he received a visit from his son-in-law, M. de Place, who first demanded 50 francs, and then 100.

The duke was obliging enough to let him have the money—probably because M. de Place had armed himself with a dagger taken from amongst the numerous Oriental arms hanging on the wall.

When the visitor is alleged to have demanded the duke's pocket-book, however, he met with a refusal. He then took a larger dagger, and showed his dexterity in the use of it by plunging it into cushions and several grotesque looking dolls which ornament the room.

For three-quarters of an hour M. de Place chased the unarmed duke round the room.

Then, taking a formidable sword from the wall, he "poked" his father-in-law in the hand.

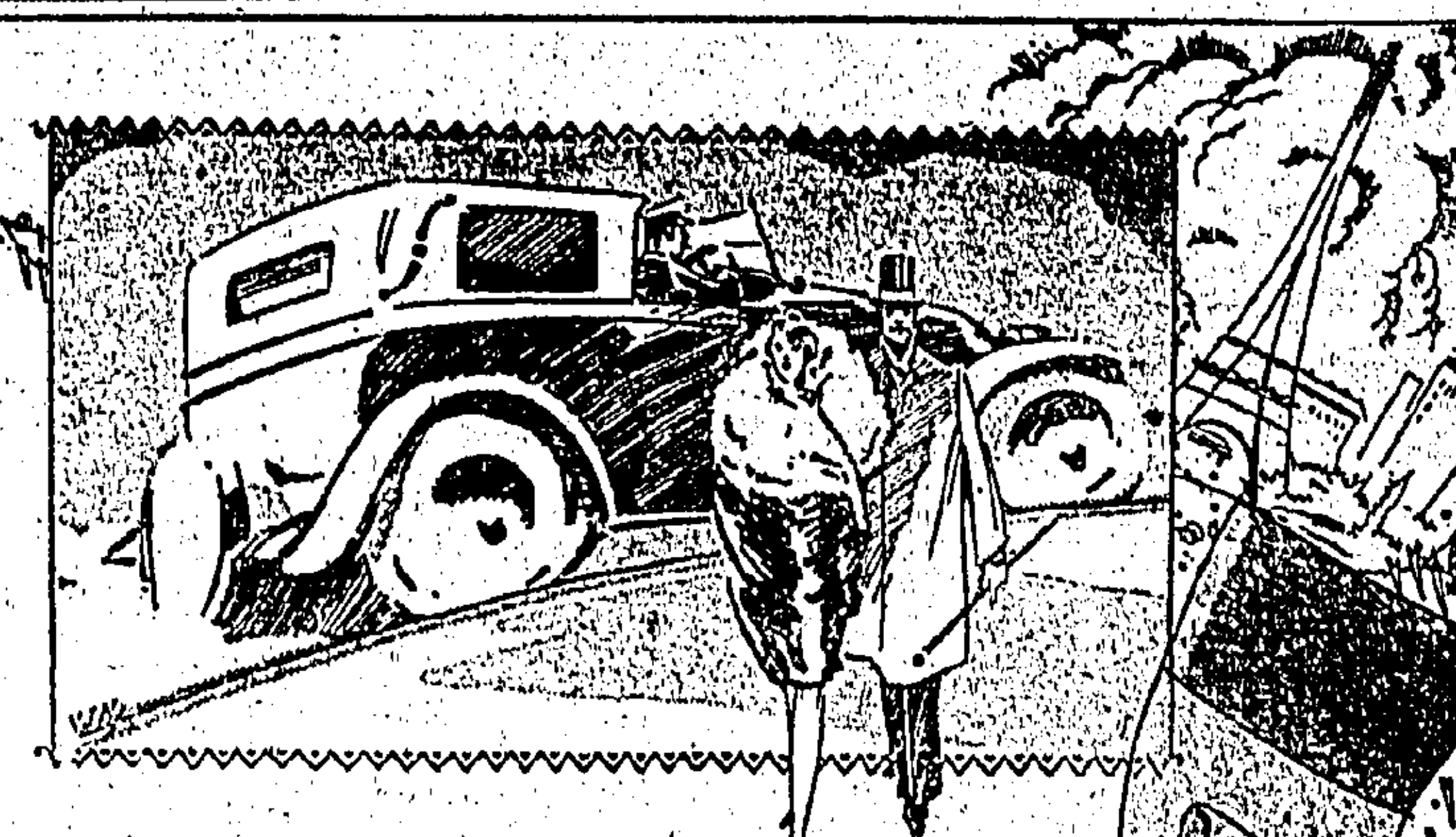
Meanwhile the cries of the duchess caused a crowd to assemble below the balcony of the room, and, later, a policeman, revolver in hand, entered and put an end to this unequal duel by arresting M. de Place.

## NOISY MOTOR-BIKES CONFISCATED.

POLICE MAKE ROADHOGS WALK HOME.

Berlin, Aug. 23. Determined to suppress what is regarded here as the "plague" of noisy motor-cycles, groups of Berlin police, with experts in attendance, yesterday lay in "traps" at selected points on the main roads into and out of the city.

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## A FRENCH VIEW OF SIR AUSTEN.

HIS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF PEACE.

Paris, Aug. 24.

Sir Austen Chamberlain is the subject of to-day's article by M. Henri Beraud in the "Petit Parisien's" series on great figures in contemporary positions.

What struck the writer most when he saw Sir Austen for the

first time—in the House of Commons—were his demeanour, his dress, and the dryness of his replies to questions.

He narrates a memory of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, and how the latter used to speak of his son's first steps in political life. Mr. Beraud makes much of the resemblance between Sir Austen and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain.

Dealing with their interview, M. Beraud states that the conversation turned on France, and Sir Austen said how much he loved that country. "I assure you," he said, "that the unity of our two countries gives

me happiness, but I don't mind telling you that I don't think it was this policy if I did not think it was good."

After speaking of Sir Austen's great loyalty, the journalist discusses his efforts in the cause of peace, of which Sir Austen is described, as "one of the first workers."

Although, adds M. Beraud, Sir Austen's head serves the Soviets as the emblem of insolent Western wealth, he is a man without a fortune, and the writer concludes that in the "Land of sterling" power goes not so much to the rich as to the worthy.





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### HARBOUR REFUSE.

#### RESULTS OF RECENT EXPERIMENTS.

Interesting details of former experiments conducted to determine what became of refuse that was dumped outside the Harbour limits, were disclosed by the Chairman of the Sanitary Board, Mr. W. J. Carrie, yesterday, when he answered questions put by Mr. J. P. Braga relative to harbour pollution.

Amongst those present were Dr. G. W. Pope, Medical Officer of Health, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. S. C. Ho, Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong-in and Mr. J. J. Watson (Secretary).

Mr. J. P. Braga's questions were as follows:

- i. Has it been brought to the notice of the Medical Officer of Health that several cases of acute infection of the external ear have recently occurred among bathers in some of the most popular bathing beaches of Hongkong?
- ii. Is there any connection between these cases of infection and the pollution by preventable means of the sea water in the best frequented bathing grounds of the Colony?
- iii. Are the bathing beaches of the Colony subject to pollution by the existing methods of disposal of city refuse by the Sanitary Department?
- iv. Will the Government consider the advisability of substituting the present method of refuse disposal by the erection of a Refuse Destructor, thus minimising the dangers of pollution of the waters of the Colony within harbour limits by the drifting thereto of floating matter containing the germs of infection?

#### The Replies.

Mr. Carrie's replies are given below:

1. The answer to the first question is in the negative.
2. It is highly probable that pollution of the sea water does tend to raise the incidence of infections of this nature. It is doubtful, however, whether this pollution is preventable.

3. It is impossible to give a categorical reply to this question. There is a general opinion among officers of the Department that the reply is in the negative. I regret that I cannot wholly subscribe to that belief. On the 18th May, 1928, this Board appointed a Committee consisting of the President, Mr. Smith, the Vice President, Mr. Crenay, Dr. Koch and Dr. Macgown "to inquire into and report on the question of Refuse Destruction and the possibility of its adoption in this Colony." They obtained expert opinion on various points and their report was adopted by the Board on the 10th August, 1928. This report is interesting and is available for anyone who may wish to read it. The following opinions were expressed by the witnesses examined by this Committee:

- (i) At least 50% of the refuse sinks at once and after twenty-four hours less than 10% is still floating.
- (ii) The refuse is dumped off Kau I Chau, 4 1/2 miles from the centre of Victoria. The site was carefully chosen—many years ago—after consultation

with the Harbour Master. Floats were released at all states of the tide and only two were recovered, one at Kennedy Town and one at Cheung Sha Wan.

#### Refuse from Ships.

(iii) The refuse occasionally seen floating near the beaches comes from junks and ships. Many ships retain their refuse, accumulated during their stay in harbour, until they are outside harbour limits which is just beyond Green Island and then dump it, often near Cheung Chau.

As a result of this report further experiments with floats were carried out from November 15 to December 15, 1928. Fifty floats were released under European supervision each morning and each afternoon, a careful record being kept of the exact time and of the weather conditions. Of the 3,000 floats released not one was recovered, although notices were broadcasted requesting any found to be returned to the Sanitary Department. The Police Inspector at Cheung Chau was, in particular, instructed to watch the beach there. This experiment was interesting, but it fails to convince me personally because of the time of year when it was conducted; it was, however, on the advice of the Harbour Master that the experiment was not made until after the typhoon season. If the Board wishes I would suggest that a similar experiment be conducted next year, but during the actual bathing season. Should a typhoon happen in the middle of the experiment the barges will probably be held for about twenty-four hours, but this will not invalidate the whole experiment. It has been suggested to me also that instead of wooden floats, which might prove useful as fire wood, portions of the refuse likely to float should be treated with various dyes. These details can be worked out later.

I regret having to make such a diffuse reply to a simple question, but the only reply I can make to question 3 is that I personally am still in doubt.

#### Refuse Destructors.

4. The question of Refuse Destructors has frequently been considered by the Government during the last twenty years. The Committee of the Board in 1926 made certain suggestions which are now being followed up. The late Mr. Jackman, during his absence on leave in 1926, made careful investigations and examined different types of Refuse Destructors in use in various cities in England, India and the Straits Settlements. His draft report on this subject, although it shows the unlikelihood of any economical use being made out of refuse destruction in Hongkong, suggests the desirability of introducing an up-to-date unit of one of the most successful plants described as a nucleus of a Refuse Destructor installation.

Members may also have seen the suggestions made by Mr. Newhouse in his report on the possibility of using sea water for flushing purposes, laid before the Legislative Council on 28th June, 1928, regarding the use of heat generated by a destructor for the purpose of pumping the sea water.

These matters are now before the Government.

Mr. Braga thanked the Chairman for the time and patience devoted to his replies.

### WOMEN POLICEMEN.

#### LORD CUSHENDUN STRONGLY FAVOURS SYSTEM.

Geneva, Sept. 18.

At the League Assembly Lord Cushendun, speaking on the report of the Fifth Committee on child welfare and similar questions, said that experts after careful consideration, had given their unanimous opinion against the licensed house system. He could, therefore, not imagine that the government concerned would not feel its duty not to leave the matter longer where it presently rested.

On behalf of the British Government he strongly endorsed the reports and recommendation for stricter measures against souboteurs. As regards the recommendations in favour of the employment of women police, experience in England would gladly support the extension of the system, and the strengthening of the small forces at present employed.

—Reuter.

### CHINESE GIRL'S DEATH.

(Continued from Page 2.)

and you promised to do this in the house but when you got to the mortuary you were not willing to do that. You said, Hayward has not come; I am not going to do it. Witness: No. You mentioned Hayward. You said "I am very suspicious of you and I want you and Hayward to declare these words to my daughter."

#### Refusal Denied.

The Coroner: Did you agree to do it at the house?

Witness: I did not agree or promise. I said if Hayward went I would go.

The Coroner: So, at the mortuary you refused to go in and do it?

Witness: I did not refuse to go in. I was not requested to go in when I arrived at the mortuary.

The Mother: I got hold of your arm and tried to drag you in and you refused?—No. We were not standing together.

The Mother: If you had a clean heart the moment you were asked to go in you would have gone in. If you had made this declaration I don't think I would have come here to bother the Coroner.

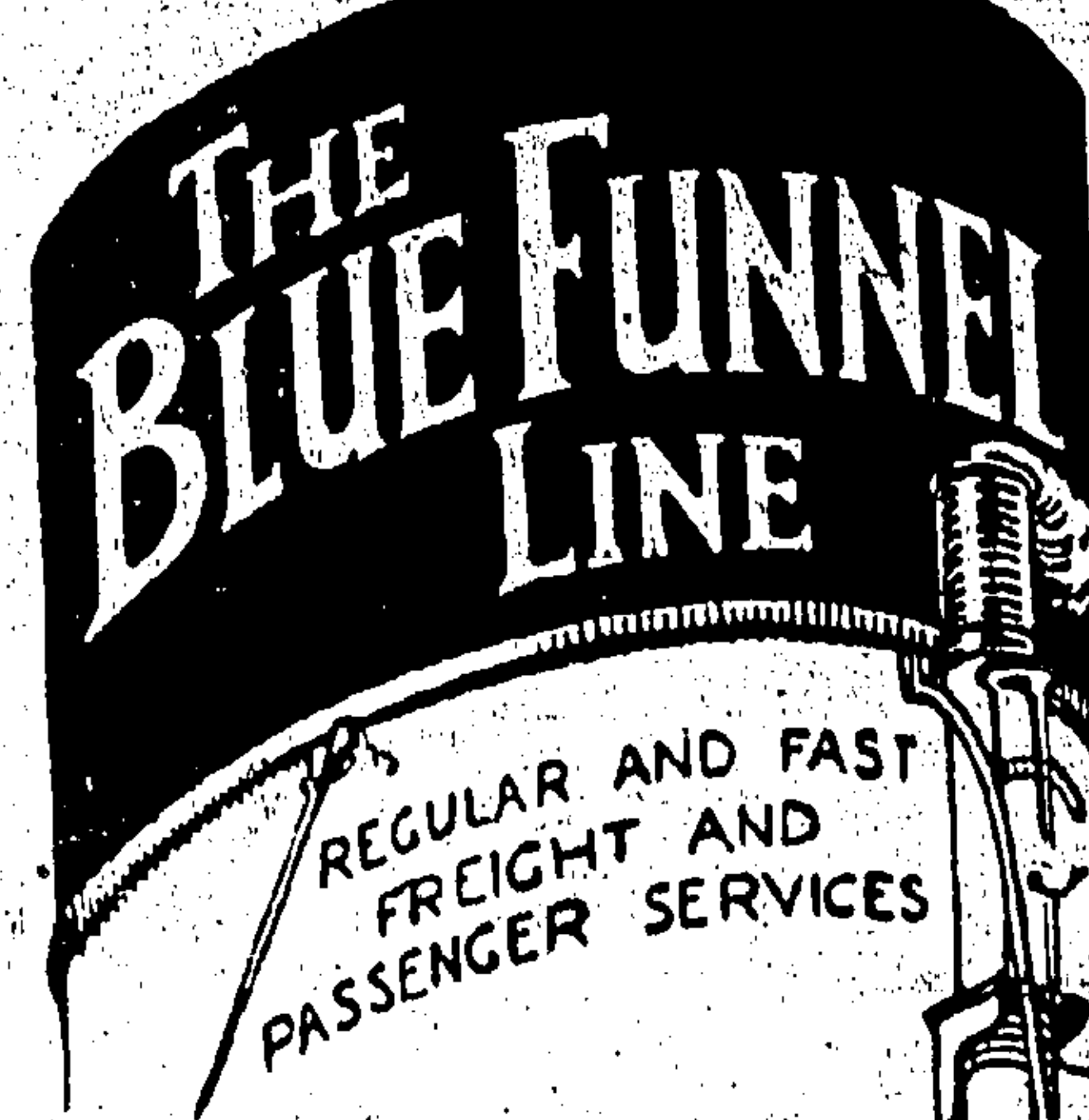
The Coroner (to witness): Is it true that the whole of these proceedings would not have been held if you had gone in and made the declaration before the corpse?

Witness repeated that the condition was that she would not have to go in unless Hayward arrived.

The Coroner pointed out that the woman was in a hysterical condition and could not have said all that about her not going in if Hayward did not come.

The Mother (To witness): Don't you tell any more lies. I never asked Hayward to declare before my daughter. What reason have I to ask Hayward to declare?

In adjourning the inquiry until next Tuesday afternoon, the Coroner remarked that the cross-examination had been very exhaustive. He hoped that the next hearing would be the last.



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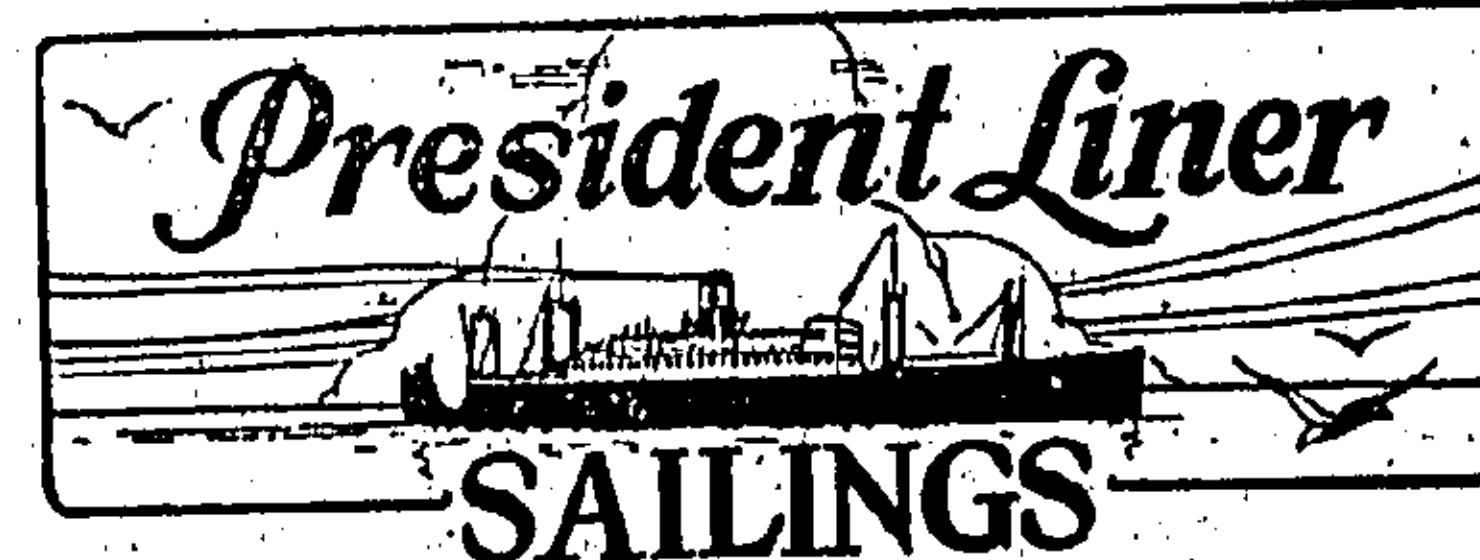
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The impending departure of the Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie, pastor of the Union Church, Hongkong, and founder of the Union Church, Kowloon, was marked last night by the presentation to him by members of the congregation of the latter church, of a black cabinet, as a token of esteem and affection, and in recognition of his services in founding the church.

Mr. J. Horace Johnston, pastor of the Union Church, Kowloon, presided and was supported by Mr. B. Wylie, representing the Scottish Community, and the Rev. W. W. Rogers, vicar of St. Andrew's Church.

The Rev. J. H. Johnston briefly outlined the history of the church and spoke of the persistent efforts which the founder had made to secure an appropriate site. He said:

As representing the Union Church, Kowloon, it is fitting that I should make special reference to the debt which this church owes to Mr. Maconachie as a founder. It is true that the history of our Church may be traced to an earlier day. Indeed, it should never be forgotten that the Rev. C. H. Hickling (who preceded Mr. Maconachie in the pastorate of Union Church, Hongkong) at the beginning of his ministry in 1902-3, commenced services at the Kowloon British School. Mr. Hickling was most eager to promote the work and prepared to make considerable personal sacrifices to that end. Nevertheless the difficulties were too great and the Services were discontinued in 1904. It was twenty years before they were resumed in January, 1924.

## Kowloon's Growth.

With the growth of the European population in Kowloon, the need, not merely for occasional services but for a Union Church here became urgent and was felt by none more keenly than by Mr. Maconachie. When Sir Paul Chater learned that this desire was so warmly cherished by Mr. Maconachie, he approached him as a personal friend and put into his hands the princely sum of \$50,000 to enable him to gratify his wish. Later, realizing that \$50,000 would not suffice for all that was required, Sir Paul doubled the amount, again entrusting his money to Mr. Maconachie, who would, he hoped, remain in the Colony long enough to see the enterprise firmly established. Naturally Mr. Maconachie passed the money over to the Committee of the Union Church, Hongkong, thereby committing them to a decisive policy of extension. Negotiations began with Government for a site, and with the home Church for a Minister. On my arrival, I soon learnt what an amount of persistent and soul-racking effort had been exerted to try and secure an appropriate site and also to overcome certain difficulties that had been raised with regard to the legal position of the proposed Kowloon Church. And in these efforts, of course, Mr. Maconachie took a leading part, and I may add that, in every difficulty which has occurred since then, I have always known where to look for sympathy and help. It gave me singular pleasure to invite Mr. Maconachie last Sunday to what I knew would be a full Church so that his eyes having seen the fruition of his zeal, he might depart from the Colony in peace.

## Mr. Maconachie's Gift.

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## OBITUARY.

THE THIRD EARL OF DURHAM.

London, Sept. 18.  
The death is reported of the Earl of Durham. He will be succeeded by his twin brother—  
Reuter.

John George Lambton, the 3rd Earl of Durham, was born on June 19, 1855, the first born of twin sons of the second Earl of Durham. He succeeded to the title on the death of his father in 1879. He will be succeeded by his brother, the Hon. Frederick William Lambton, who was formerly a Lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards, and member of Parliament for South Durham in 1880-85 and for South East Durham 1900-10.]

will be kept with care that it may long continue a reminder of his kind interest. More than that, it will be an abiding witness to the supreme motive that has animated all his efforts on her behalf, namely, the extension of God's Kingdom through the Ministry of the Word.

Mrs. Maconachie is also leaving behind her a much appreciated souvenir. We are very glad to have her with us to-night and take this opportunity of congratulating her most warmly on the little volume of verse, which I hold in my hand, called "Rosemary Leaves from a Hongkong Garden." In order to make things easier for their successor, this booklet is being sold on behalf of the decoration fund in Kennedy Road Church.

The value of the booklet is enhanced by the insertion of the photo which forms the frontispiece. Many of us will be particularly glad to retain the excellent likeness of the "Little Minister" and his wife, standing in their Hongkong Garden.

I am not very sure about the odour of Rosemary coming from a Hongkong Garden; and it brings Dame Margery to mind.

"A malron age was she:  
And oft, at the curfew, there  
Stole a perfume:  
And she said it was rosemary—  
She said it was rosemary."

However, I do know that rosemary is an ancient symbol of fidelity and certainly there is a true breath of faithful friendship in a poem entitled "A Farewell" and I cannot find better words with which to conclude than those which Mrs. Maconachie has put into our lips.

"You're going back to England, you are going home again, &c., &c. Other speakers referred in pangyric terms to the work of Mr. Maconachie during his long ministry in the Colony.

Mr. Wylie spoke of the activities of the departing minister, mentioning his attendance at all local Scottish functions, but particularly stressed the inauguration by Mr. Maconachie of the Church Parade of the Scottish Company of the Volunteers which function, said the speaker, Scotsmen regarded more than any other function.

The Rev. W. W. Rogers remarked that he had never had the privilege of hearing Mr. Maconachie preach, but was glad of having had the opportunity last night of thanking him for his sermons over which he had taken great trouble and which 'appeared in the S. C. M. Post. The speaker mentioned that he had heard the Rev. J. K. Maconachie once in Canton addressing a class of young students.

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the black cabinet which had been purchased at the express wishes of Mr. and Mrs. Maconachie.

Mr. Maconachie returned thanks for the gift and for the many kind words spoken about himself. After humorously referring to an old umbrella which had been stolen and subsequently found in a pawn shop, he assured the donors that the cabinet would never get into a pawn shop.

Referring to the foundation of the church, the speaker expressed great joy at having been instrumental in establishing a place of worship for Scotsmen in Kowloon. After paying a compliment to the Rev. J. H. Johnston, whom he said was an experienced man, Mr. Maconachie said that there was justification for the erection of the Church. It was hard to have lost old Kowloon friends from the Hongkong Church, but it was for the Kingdom of God that the Church in Kowloon was established.

Mr. Maconachie thanked Mr. Johnston and many others for personal kindnesses. In conclusion he thanked the speakers for the references made about his wife. He said that there was not one man in the room who had a better, more patient and faithful wife than he.

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#### MIAMI HURRICANE DISASTER.

#### NATURE'S TOLL ON THE FLORIDA COAST.

#### STORM NOW THREATENS CAPE HATTERAS.

#### THE KING'S SYMPATHY.

New York, Sept. 18. With the partial restoration of communications with the distressed areas in Florida, it is learned that at least 150 people were killed outright and many others injured when the hurricane struck Miami. The great storm which has left such devastation in its wake is now travelling northwards towards Cape Hatteras leaving a trail of wreckage and deaths on the eastern coast of Florida.

In this area 33 persons are known to have been killed and over 140 injured. The island of Bimini was devastated, but there was no loss of life. "Rum Row," south of Bimini, is believed to have suffered severe losses in small shipping and liquor stocks. —*Reuter's American Service.*

#### The King's Message.

London, Sept. 18. The King has sent messages of sympathy to the Governors of the Leeward Islands and Jamaica (Sir Reginald Stubbs) at the loss of life and damage resulting from the hurricane. The message to Jamaica is in respect of Turk's Island, which according to news to hand was completely devastated, many being killed and injured.

#### H.M.S. Durban's New Orders.

The Admiralty announce that in consequence of the hurricane in the West Indies the cruiser, H.M.S. Durban has been ordered to proceed to Colon in case help is required in the Bahamas.

The visits of the Durban to Acapulco and Punta Arena have accordingly been cancelled. Prince George is serving on the Durban. —*British Wireless.*

#### Halifax, Sept. 18.

The hurricane caused numerous fatalities in the British West Indies. Fifty deaths are reported from Montserrat while 8,000 people are homeless. The town of Plymouth was laid flat, only one church being left standing. The island requests help and supplies. Nineteen were killed on Nevis Island and St. Kitt's Island. —*Reuter.*

#### Atlanta, Georgia, Sept. 18.

The hurricane damage in the Palm Beach country alone is estimated to be not less than \$25,000,000 while reports make it probable that the death-roll has been over 250, while thousands have been injured. —*Reuter's American Service.*

#### NEW BUSES FOR KOWLOON.

#### 14 THORNYCROFTS ON SERVICE SOON.

In addition to the existing number of motor buses operated by the China Motor Bus Company, another 14 new Thornycroft "A2 Long" vehicles are to be added to the Company's already large fleet, during the course of the next few weeks. Two of these have recently been completed and on Monday afternoon were officially inspected and tested in Kowloon. The results proved very satisfactory.

The bodies of these new buses are entirely built by the China Motor Bus Co., and are of a strong design and excellent finish. Each vehicle has seating accommodation for 24 passengers. The seats in the first-class compartment are upholstered with leather and are fitted with springs. The floor is covered with linoleum, while the windows are of the adjustable sliding type, made and designed by the body builders. The neat appearance of the bus is uniform, the second-class compartment being equally comfortable for the traveller. Here the seats are of polished teak, while the floor is covered with wooden slabs.

The buses were tested by Sub-Inspector A. H. Mason, police mechanic. Others present at the test were Mr. D. Burlingham (D.S.P., Kowloon), Mr. R. E. Roxburgh, Far East representative of Messrs. Thornycroft & Co. Ltd. and Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, (Manager of the China Motor Bus Company).

The brake system was tested by climbing Tai Po Road Hill and Observatory Hill at Kimberley Road, Kowloon. The latter has a gradient of one in five. The hand and foot brakes were tried inde-

#### JUVENILE SMOKING IN SWATOW.

#### CURIOUS FORM OF OFFICIAL CONDEMNATION.

#### AUTHORITIES' ACTION.

Swatow, Sept. 17. Following Nanking instructions, the Swatow authorities have just issued an order forbidding the smoking of cigarettes by children and young people under twenty. Some action to prevent juvenile smoking is urgent, but it is unfortunate that the injunctions published by the authorities prove too much. They enlarge at length on the deleterious effect of nicotine on the brain, pointing out that temporary benefit is paid for by permanent injury and giving the impression of a stimulating rather than a narcotic reaction.

No distinction is drawn between the effect on juveniles and on adults. One remembers one's school days and the refrain that occurred each term as the rules were read out: Smoking tends to stunt the growth and stunt the intellect and produces a disinclination to work.

No boy, however, felt any inconsistency between this dictum and the discoloured portions of the white beard of the venerable Head, or the pipes of the assistant masters in the interval.

The homily produced by the Swatow authorities certainly condemns all and sundry. The official statement says that the daily importations of Swatow is 750,000 cigarettes. —*Our Own Correspondent.*

#### FURTHER BUDGET POINTERS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

There is an interesting item under special police expenditure of \$1,100 for an experimental traffic signal for Kowloon, whilst a sum of \$900 is set aside to complete the supply of bullet-proof vests.

The Medical Department is expected to show an increase of \$109,292 in the coming year. New posts will absorb \$105,978, but abolishing of \$37,465. The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services figures under the former head at \$14,400, but this official previously figured as the Principal Civil Medical Officer with a salary of \$14,346. New posts include a Deputy Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, \$13,776; a Senior Medical Officer, \$12,900; four Chinese Medical Officers, \$21,097; a 2nd Medical Officer of Health, \$9,244; a Chinese Medical Officer of Health, \$4,320; and six new Sisters, \$12,600. Against these must be set the following posts abolished:—Medical Officer, \$8,112; two Assistant Medical Officers of Health, \$12,720; and one Staff Nurse, \$820. It will be noticed that several of these items are alterations caused by the changing of titles.

#### Sanitary Votes.

In the Sanitary Department, there will be a net increase of \$176,076. New posts absorb \$24,060, whilst posts abolished represent \$11,776. The new posts include a Senior Inspector at \$400; three 1st Class Inspectors at \$320 each; a Motor Mechanic at \$600; and four Motor Drivers at \$525 each. Under the abolition of posts three 2nd Class Inspectors are promoted 1st Class.

Special expenditure for the Sanitary Department includes \$36,000 for refuse barges, a new towing launch at \$62,000 and now motor lorries to cost \$41,000.

P. W. D. special expenditure will include \$4,000 for Morris truck for the New Territories to replace the old Fords, a motor car (\$8,000) and many items in connexion with increased radio facilities, including a sum of \$50,000 for short-wave transmitters.

There is an increase of \$5,958 on the Volunteer Defence Corps, which is partly accounted for by the purchase of four further Vickers guns at a cost of \$8,300, and an additional sum of \$15,000 in respect of the armoured car for which \$10,000 had previously been voted.

#### ARGENTINA OIL WELLS.

#### EXPROPRIATION BILL ADOPTED.

Buenos Aires, Sept. 18. The Argentine Chamber has adopted a Bill which provides for the expropriation of oil wells and other well deposits over the country. —*Reuter.*

pendently and in each case they gave a very satisfactory result. It is understood that four of these new buses will be ready for service next week.

#### BRITISH CAFE IS DESTROYED.

#### BIG BLAZE OCCURS AT CANTON.

#### OWNER HAS LUCKY ESCAPE WITH LIFE.

#### BUILDING GUTTED.

The destruction by fire of the Boston Cafe, in Canton, owned and managed by a Britisher, Mr. C. E. Crowell, is reported by our correspondent. The Cafe is situated on the Shikoo Maloo, just opposite the French bridge leading to Shameen, and the outbreak occurred in the early hours of Monday morning.

The owner of the Cafe, who was asleep at the time the fire broke out, had a narrow escape, due to difficulties in opening the door, which had eventually to be smashed in, whilst the Chinese staff managed to get away by climbing over adjacent roofs.

#### Two Lives Lost?

It is reported that two Chinese lost their lives in the fire, but this has not yet been confirmed.

At the moment, the cause of the fire has not been definitely established, but it was probably due to defective electric wiring, as, a day before the outbreak, new wires had been put in on the east of the building, where the fire originated.

#### The Outbreak.

The fire broke out about 4.30 a.m. on the third floor of the building, and, spreading very rapidly, it soon enveloped the whole premises. Fortunately, the wind blowing steadily from the north kept the flames well out into the road towards the river and the buildings on either side (one of which is occupied by the Dollar Steamship Line) were not affected.

The Canton Fire Brigade were soon on the scene, but were not able to control the flames until the whole building had been gutted. The Shameen Fire Brigade also stood by on the French Bridge in case of the fire spreading to any of the buildings within the Concession.

#### Owner's Narrow Escape.

The owner, Mr. C. E. Crowell, had a very nasty experience which might well have cost him his life. Asleep on the second floor, when the fire broke out, he was awakened by his coolie, and, rushing downstairs, they were for some time unable to open the sliding door into the street.

At last, when the flames were almost upon them, they succeeded in smashing down the doorway.

Meantime, the cooks and boys, who were on the floor, had managed to escape over the roof to the adjoining buildings.

It is understood that the contents of the Cafe, including the personal effects of Mr. Crowell, are covered by insurance with the American Asiatic Underwriters for HK. \$4,000.

#### Previous Cafe Looted.

This was the fourth restaurant owned by Mr. Crowell in Canton since 1925. He had just opened his first restaurant in the Chan Tong Sai Kai when the strike broke out and the place, known to be owned by a Britisher, was completely looted and pillaged. There is actually a claim of H.K. \$5,360 lodged in the British Consulate on account of this incident, and the claim has still to be paid.

#### DISTILLERY CASE AGAIN.

#### NEW CHARGES AGAINST DEFENDANTS.

The licensee, the accountant and the distillery foreman of the Tai Tung native distillery appeared before Major C. Willson this morning to answer summonses arising out of (1) unlawfully distilling molasses mashies from certain kongs, (2) failing to keep a record of molasses distilled, (3) removing fifty jars of wine without a permit, and (4) removing eight jars without a permit.

Mr. H. A. Taylor appeared for the prosecution and Mr. M. K. Lo represented the defendants.

On the application of Mr. Taylor, a remand of one week was granted by the Magistrate.

It will be recalled that the defendants and another distillery foreman were charged recently before Mr. R. E. Lindell with conspiracy to defraud the revenue and that the Magistrate then found that there was no conspiracy.

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